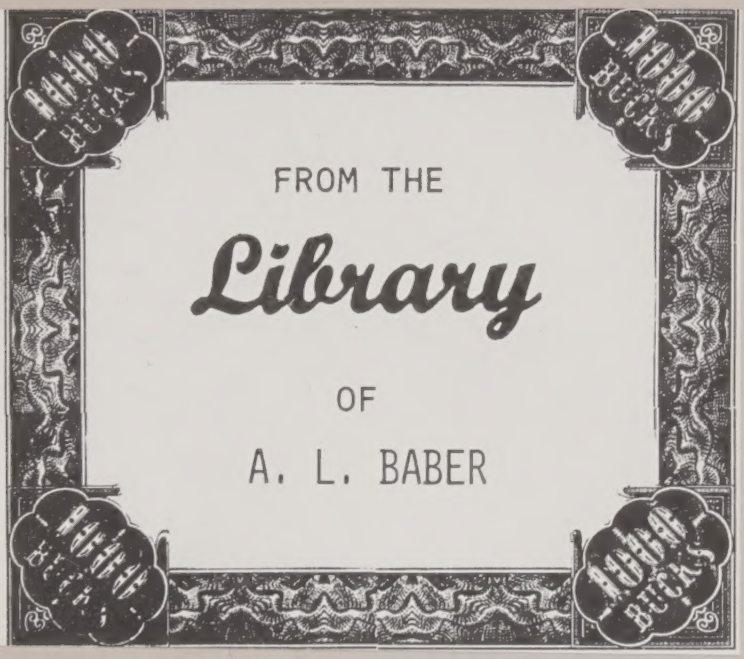
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NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 5 at New Palace Hotel, 5th and Elm Sts., San Diego, Calif.

Col. Newton plans to have a definite program at each 1951 meeting, either in the form of a numismatic talk, or other entertainment. In line with this, each month he will ask one member to take care of the next meeting's program. So when the colonel calls on you, get busy. You can speak on coins or any other interesting subject, or obtain another speaker, or put on any kind of a show you wish.

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OUR SECRETARY FOR 1951 will be:

Dr. Ray H. Wilson, 4003 Goldfinch St., San Diego 3, Calif.

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We are very fortunate in having Dr. Wilson as secretary, this being possible only because his term as a governor of the Kiwanis Club has just expired, thus leaving him more free evenings.

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THE SECRETARY SAYS -
All the ACTING secretary has to say this time is that old familiar annumal message: DUES ARE DUE. That's a good note for me to bow out on, isn't it?

- Eugene D. Johnston

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It is with regret we learned the reason Mrs. Panosh missed the last meeting; her father had just died, and we extend her our sincere sympathy.

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Among our January 8 guests was Mr. Tuthill of the staff of the Museum of Man. He brought some coins that will be placed on exhibit in the musuem, mostly Roman and Byzantine pieces.

NEW MEMBERS we welcome this month:

BOUCHARD, Harry	San Diego
COOPER, Arthur F.	U. S. Navy
SARVER, Morris	San Diego

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We understand that our new member, Mr. Sarver, has a lot od South Amerucan connections; so we suppose that Dr. Wilson now will be after him to get some Spanish Colinial coins from there.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Mr. Boltz: Large cents; quarters, half dollars
Mr. Johnston: Uncirculated 1806 $5 gold piece; Netherlands 10-gulden gold piece; proof sets; fractional currency; two good looking ladies
Mr. Knickerbocker: U.S. gold; large and small cents; quarters; half dollars
Mr. MacDonald: 1950 British proof set
Col. Newton: Quarters; half dollars; U.S. and foreign paper money
Dr. Wallace: Half cents; cents; Mexican gold

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In case you wonder about the two good looking ladies listed as part of Mr. Johnston's display (anyway they were at his display), they were Mrs. Dovlin and Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. Johnston's sister from Indiana.

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When she goes back to Indiana (if anyone can possibly go back after seeing California) we must ask Mrs. O'Connor to give our greetings to Hizzoner, Judge Brimelow of Elkhart.

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A SLIGHT TOUCH OF KLEPTOMANIA - you can tell that the Knickerbockers have been married a long time, by the nonchalant way in which Mrs. Knickerbocker picks things out of Mr's pockets. And Mr. Knickerbocker is very well broken in, because he didn't even look while she was doing it.

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MISSING PERSONS DEPT. - To the long list of ladies

who lose husbands at numismatic gatherings, you can add the name of Mrs. Crouthamel. Mr. Crouthamel came with her to the meeting - but the next thing she knew, she was a numismatic widow.

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However in defence of Mr. Crouthamel, we must say that he didn't really abandon his wife; he was just trying to attend two meetings on the same night.

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He ought to be twins.

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PLANNING AHEAD DEPT. - Mr. Panosh had all the award ribbons ready for our installation night exhibits, but he didn't think much of our suggestion that he award them right then. He protested that the exhibits had not yet been made. But if he gave the ribbons in advance, then the members who got them would be morally obliged to make displays that would justify their having got the ribbons.

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However, we must admit that this sounds kind of complicated.

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Mr. Leuschner is still in the Naval hospital, but is allowed to go home for a few hours each day. We hope he'll soon be out to stay.

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"HANDS ACROSS THE SEA" - We were glad to receive a Christmas card and letter from Lt. Enders - a Japanese card. Mr. Johnston said that the lootenant's writing was hard to read - but no doubt that is just due to the Japanese influence.

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Lt. Enders complains that our poem (so-called) about the meeting between him and HHC Meier in a Manila bar room was full of li - - - well anyway, terminological inexactitudes. Don't we have a heck of a time satisfying our customers?

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OUR BULLETIN-LESS MR. BULL - Mr. Johnston accidentally made a slight mistake when addressing the last

Bulletin to Mr. Bull, so when it came back, he phoned Mr. Bull his apologies. Mr. Bull said "Oh that's all right; we'll have a new secretary soon anyway". Ever since, Mr. Johnston has been puzzling how to take that.

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Mr. Johnson is running an ad in the "Numismatist" offering to buy rare Swedish coins. So despite all the dough he has spent on this series, evidently he still has some left that he wants to get rid of.

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Maybe he wants to get rid of his dough in order to save taxes.

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And speaking of taxes, all of us have a certain amount of tax trouble at this time of the year, but last month we had a different kind of tax trouble; we had synTAX trouble. What we mean is that in our mention of Mr. Dixon in the December issue, we made it read as if he had come to the meeting with Mrs. Panosh. Well, that ain't so; he came with Mrs. Dixon. So now Mr. Panosh can quit scowling at Mr. Dixon when he sees him.

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AUTOMOTIVE DEPT. - Anyway you don't have to worry any more about the new Dixon Buick scraping the garage as Mrs. Dixon drives it in and out. She has installed a set of those gadgets that clamp on the fenders and make a noise when you hit something.

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Of course you understand that the car made a noise anyway, before those things were installed. But that was the sound of the fenders crumpling, or the garage splintering.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow says that those gadgets would be of no use on his car. He wouldn't be able to hear them over the sound of the engine.

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He would need some device that would fire a blank pistol, or something like that.

TOE-NAIL SKETCHES OF OUR MEMBERS:

No. 16 - Paul Boltz, the Big Banker

One of our members that we truly envy is that big banker, Paul Boltz. Because as a banker, all he has to do is to sit in his swivel chair behind his desk while people bring money to him. Then he can pick it over to keep what he wants. And being a banker, he usually wants it all.

We have made Paul our treasurer this year. And that shows that the S.D.N.S. is very smart financially. If our treasury doesn't have enough money in it, we can always use the unlimited supply in Paul's bank. Or in case we get overdrawn, if he will just tell us how much we need, we will authorize him to write out a check for himself. Or we could prevent an overdraft by using Paul's money in the first place. All of this illustrates some points of high finance with which maybe you weren't familiar.

At any rate, Paul's bank is very democratic; it seems to take in any kind of money. That is, we would judge so from the kind of money he brings to our meetings. That includes coins of all nations, Confederate money, and so on. So it must be a very unfussy bank. This is contrary to the experience most of us have had with banks.

Besides being a big banker, Paul is a distinguished inventor. He is the inventor of the famous (or notorious) Boltz proof. A Boltz proof is a coin which has been cleaned and polished with a wire brush, sandpaper, file and rasp - and then finished (almost completely) with a bath in boiling nitric or sulphuric acid. This gives the coin a finish like nothing else on earth - and it's a good job too.

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NEXT MONTH: Sam Kabealo, the Silver Tongued Orator from Pasadena

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SCIENCE DEPT. - A national stamp magazine is running a series of articles by a psychologist on "Why do you collect stamps?" We hope that no one asks us why we collect coins; because we dunno.

And at a philatelic exhibit in New York, the Bureau of Printing and Engraving set up a machine and printed stamped envelopes for the customers. This gives us a swell idea for the 1953 convention that we are going to have in San Diego (maybe). We can ask the mint to set up a coin press, and strike coins.

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Mr. Hill is a good pal of the foreman of the stamping room of the San Francisco mint, so he should easily be able to arrange this for us.

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STYLE SECTION - We notice that the San Diego gals are wearing dresses ornamented with brooches that look something like foreign orders and decorations. Thus you can see how Mrs. Panosh sets the styles in southern California.

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HARSH WORDS DEPT. - In the January "Calcoin News" of the California State Numismatic Association, on page 1 appears a portrait of Mr. Mitchell. Right below the picture, it says: "TWO-FACED GOD OPENS NEW YEAR". Now, we must protest that this is a little rough to say about Mr. Mitchell. As he is the head of the C.S.N.A. maybe it might be all right to call him a little god; but he ain't two-faced.

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MILITARY NEWS - With the war time expansion of Camp Pendleton, Col. DeWitt's command has been divided, and part of it put under a new colonel. And you can be sure that when Col. DeWitt had a chance to get rid of the part that had Mr. Ward in it, he jumped at the chance.

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Which was kind of a dirty trick on the other colonel.

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When Dr. Wallace, who acted as our auctioneer, said that some of the coins were placed on auction by Mr. Boltz, it made us uneasy. We thought that maybe our curator was auctioning off the club collection.

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But as curator, Mr. Boltz wants to point out that

there are a lot of gaps in our U.S. series -- and that we would be grateful to anyone who would fill in some of these gaps.

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Regarding the Numismatic Gallery award ribbons which we told you last month would be discontinued, we now have a letter from Mr. Kososs saying that he would be glad to continue the ribbons, provided he knew the members of the C.S.N.A. wanted them. So how about letting him know that we do want them? The writer does for one; how about the rest of you?

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Incidentally, the Numismatic Gallery has moved to 228 North Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills.

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As this is written, our installation and dinner is almost on us; we hope for a good crowd, but as the Phoenix Coin Club is giving us some competition that night, we guess that some of our friends will be in Phoenix.

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Mr. and Mrs. Higbee plan to attend - and we sure hope they can make it.

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Perhaps you may remember that long ago we once said that Mrs. Higbee came to S.D.N.S. meetings just to eat; but at that time we did not anticipate her coming 130 miles for that purpose.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - At the December meeting of this organization, Mr. Harold Jones gave an interesting talk on the Roman calendar and its relation to other calendars, and the coins pertaining thereto. Mr. Stanton showed Roman coins bearing on the calendar, and Dr. Herbeck showed a series of Augustan Spanish bronze coins.
The next meeting will be February 16 at the home of Prof. Todd, 4616 Alumni Ave., Los Angeles (near Occidental College). Prof. Todd will speak on Greek coins.

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The professor should know about Greek coins; he once

made some of them. That is, in studying how the ancients struck coins, he made some dies after the original models, and struck model coins with them. He owns a gold mine in Nevada, and what with the gold and his ability to make dies, we hope he never sets himself up in the coin business.

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The Government of Israel has opened a numismatic agency at 29 West 57th St., New York for the purpose of supplying Israeli coins at face value. This is of no value to collectors, as the agency will deal with dealers only. We print this information in the belief that possibly some of our dealer members may be interested.

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The agency has just issued a bulletin which may be of interest to any who collect this series, and so we quote from it as follows:

It has come to the attention of the Numismatic Service of the Government of Israel that an imitation 100 pruta coin of Israel currency is being circulated in the United States.
The official design of the 100 pruta coin shows on the obverse the name "ISRAEL" in Hebrew and Arabic, above and below one of the symbols taken from the ancient Jewish coins. On the reverse, within a wreath of leaves, the value in prutot is given, together with the date of the Hebrew year "Tashat" - "5709" - 1948/49.
The imitation coin made of aluminum, copper colored, is designed similarly to the official one, except that it carries the inscription "Chanukah Gelt - R.S.K.S.", and the symbol, a palm tree, is reversed.
The Numismatic Service of the Government of Israel wishes to inform the general public that these imitation coins have no value whatsoever, either as a monetary unit or as a collector's item.

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We may have those awful war time steel cents back with us again; they mint is thinking of striking them.

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OUR MUDDLED COIN CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM - if you can even call it a "system" any more - continues to get more complicateder and complicateder and ridiculoser and ridiculouser all the time. After just reading coin descriptions as "semi-proof" and "practically uncirculated", we wonder what will be next. What does "practically uncirculated" mean? It sounds something like describing a man as "practically honest". And does "semi-proof" mean half of a coin?

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At any rate, this moves us to suggest our own classification terms, which we think should be added to the messed up batch we already have. So how about these?

Practically worthless
Semi-worthless
Was uncirculated
Superb, except for slight wear, trifling holes, dents, scratches, and gouges
Extremely fine, with slight traces of having been run over by a street car
Made in the same mint as a proof
Slightly uncirculated
Slightly proof
Superb edge, with rotten obverse and reverse
Semi-uncirculated
Uncirculated after getting a ¼" hole
Almost circulated
Very fine, but has been hit by a bullet
Extremely fine, but you can't read the inscription nor identify the portrait
Slightly junk
Half of a proof
Superb, but slightly melted in a fire
Trifling cabinet wear, not over 1/16" deep
Corroded proof
Astonishing
Puzzling
Boltz proof

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Perhaps one reason for the scarcity of Franklin half dollars in ordinary circulation is that non-collectors seem to think they are a short lived commemorative issue, and so when they receive them they hang on to them. It does not seem to be generally understood that this is merely our regular half dollar, to be struck indefinitely.

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THE NUMISMATIC BULLETIN of the Pacif Coast Numismatic Society hints in its December issue that this may be its last number, and that it will be discontinued. If so, we will be very sorry to see it disappear. Of course we do not presume to advise its management as they know their own problems; but it will be a loss if the bulletin is stopped. We always thought it was a very good publication, and that Mr. Hill, who edited it, deserved a lot of credit for doing a fine job.

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We have always believed that some sort of a bulletin (even one like ours) is an asset to an organization; otherwise we wouldn't be struggling along with this stuff every month. We think that a society publication is of value in keeping members informed of what is going on - and that it serves to knit the organization more closely.

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At any rate, this here Bulletin should be growing whiskers with age; we now start volume 4. And the fact that no one has yet shot the editor shows what a tolerant bunch of people we have in the S.D.N.S.

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And with the start of the 4th volume perhaps this would be a good time to make some pertinent remarks. The first of them is not new; you have often read it before. That is, more of you should write things for the Bulletin. A few of you have done so, but not many. Also we want you to tell us anything of interest either in numismatics or regarding members. On this too some of you have cooperated, but by no means all. Again, we would welcome suggestions about the

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BULLETIN, that is, kicks about what we do wrong, and suggestions as to what you want done which we do not do at present. That is the only way we can know what you want.

The Bulletin really should not be a one-man affair as it largely is now; it belongs to you all and so you all should take a hand in it. One man's stuff is likely to get pretty stale after while - and without his realizing it.

But there is one thing for which the editor is truly grateful; there has been no interference of any kind either by the society as a whole nor by individual members. That is the way it should be; an editor should not be hampered - and we are not saying that from a selfish viewpoint. However he should be helped with written or verbal articles and news, and should be kept informed of what the members look for in a paper. We want to make this thing the way you want it; so let's all help to make it so.

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Anyway, both of our readers said the last number was better than the previous one. It contained no poetry.

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In order to get to the Phoenix A.N.A. convention in time, should we start walking there now?

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, March 5 at New Palace Hotel, 5th and Elm Sts., San Diego, Calif.

OUR INSTALLATION AND DINNER was another good party; while there weren't as many present as usual, there were enough to fill the dining room, so if we had had any more we don't know where we would have put 'em. But we missed a few of our old stand-bys, such as Mr. Kabealo and Mr. Kosoff for instance. Mr. Kosoff was in Phoenix that night to attend the doings of the Phoenix Coin Club - and we guess that some of our other friends were there too. We also missed the Higbee family, which we know fully intended to come, having made reservations.

Having said who wasn't here, we might mention that among those that did come were Dr. Emmons, Mr. Mitchell, the Davidsons, and other welcome visitors. We don't blame Mr. Hill for being absent; after all it is a long way to come from San Francisco. Although the way he flits around the country, it shouldn't be much of a trip for him.

We had some nice displays of coins and medals, some of them being unusually good. The displays and awards are listed elsewhere, but we might say that even those that didn't get awards were fine - for example, the Mexican gold of Dr. Emmons.

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We had not arranged for an orchestra, but we had music just the same. It was kind of second-hand music. There was another event going on in an adjoining room, and we could hear that music.

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Maybe that careful budget balancer, Mr. Johnston, arranged it that way to save expenses.

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Speaking of that event in the adjoining room, perhaps that accounts for the absence of the Higbees. Maybe they got in the wrong party.

DIPLOMATIC NEWS - In this country's present tangled state of foreign affairs we need some high class diplomats, and we can confidently recommend Dr. Wilson for some such post. How the doc did it we don't know; Mrs. Wilson came with him, but he got rid of her before the dinner was served, thus saving the cost of one meal.

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SOMETHING-FOR-NOTHING DEPT. - Mr. Bouchard, who has invented a new type of coin holder, the "Cointainer" distributed free samples to all present. And to show how they worked, each one contained a cent. He has been working on this for a couple of years, and now is starting production. Later at our regular meeting he explained the holders in detail, and gave an account of the various difficulties he had met in his effort to make a satisfactory article.
Incidentally this was the initial showing of the completed "Cointainer".

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"SOUTH OF THE BORDER" DEPT. - For entertainment we were shown very fine colored motion pictures of Mexican scenes through the courtesy of the American Airlines.

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They made Mrs. Panosh and Dr. Wallace homesick.

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In fact, it made them so homesick, that Dr. Wallace asked Mrs. Panosh to give "an address in Spanish". So she did exactly that; she gave her street address in Spanish.

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Our exhibits were judged by the method we have used lately; that is, by having those in attendance vote for what they think the best. The displays were numbered and no names placed on them; that is, there were no names on any excepting that of the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, whose display was full of names of Romans.

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Of course, no one could guess whose stuff that was.

EXHIBITS MADE AT SESSION:

Mr. Crouthamel: Proof sets; commemorative half dollars (FIRST AWARD)
Mr. Panosh: Extensive display of medals (SECOND AWARD)
Mr. Fraser: Large showing of proofs, including 3¢ pieces, nickels, and dimes (THIRD AWARD)
Mrs. Crouthamel: Large paper money (FOURTH AWARD)
Mr. Mitchell: Chinese silver (SPECIAL AWARD)
Mr. Boltz: A very fine coin cabinet, ornamented with coins under plastic and mounted on a revolving stand
Dr. Emmons: Mexican gold
Mr. MacDonald: British proofs
Mr. Knickerbocker: Odd shaped Chinese coins; commemorative and other U.S. gold
Mr. Vigneault: A sapeque, an unusual coin used only in Siem Reap, Indo-China
Dr. Wallace: Small cents; quarters
Mr. Ward: Roman silver

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The Crouthamel family did all right for itself with awards, didn't it?

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Mrs. Panosh's medals were those struck by the Society of Medallists, which each year strikes at least two medals on some important subject. It was a very striking and artistic display.

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In addition to his sapeque, Mr. Vigneault showing the location where that coin is used exclusively.

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As installing officer, Dr. Wallace was in his glory as usual. The oath he administered to the new officers was longer than the one administered to the President of the United States.

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Evidently S.D.N.S. members get around pretty good. Anyway, in his short talk Mr. Mitchell said it was remarkable how many of them he always met at meetings of other coin clubs.

When we suggested last month that Mr. Panosh give the award ribbons right then, we were more practical than we realized. At least someone would have got the ribbons then; as it was, no one got them at the exhibit because he forgot to bring them. However as the names of the winners have to be printed on the ribbons anyway, that was done, and they were given at our last meeting.

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Mr. Panosh very ungraciously blamed Mr. Mitchell for his dereliction of duty in the matter of the ribbons. He said he was so busy entertaining Mr. Mitchell all day, that he forgot them.

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Mr. Mitchell naturally denied this slander, and upon appealing to Mrs. Panosh for support against her husband, of course he got it.

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Some nice door prizes and raffled items were distributed. Mrs. Crouthamel won a $5 gold piece - and we can't see why she accepted it, because what she collects is paper money.

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Maybe she can swap it to Mr. Beck for one of those gold certificates he was talking about.

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And Col. DeWitt won a necktie. Now we want to see him wearing it some time when he is in full uniform.

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Probably the general would be interested to see that, too.

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Mrs. Devlin was wearing Mr. Johnston's necklace which is decorated with numerous large foreign gold coins in front. She said she was going to charge him for taking care of the necklace. But she hadn't better; because then Mr. Johnston might want her to also hang a card on her neck saying something like this: "These coins can be purchased at Johnston's Coin Exchange".

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Also, the people we expected to see at the meeting that were missing, was that stamp collector [illegible] are slowly converting into a coin collector, Mr. Vincent. (Instead of "Mr." we should say "EMP", as he is an electrician on the submarine "Sterlet"). But we know he wasn't missing willingly; he was on duty. As he is a submarine sailor, we should tell him to watch carefully as he crawls along the ocean floor, to see if he can spot some of those old sunken Spanish treasure galleons. He might get some nice coins that way.

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However, Corporal Coffing came, and it represents a real effort for him to come to San Diego. He is stationed at a camp far out in the hills, with only casual transportation available.

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"OH, WAITER!" - To clear a table for the movie machine, Dr. Wilson gathered up the dirty dishes on a tray. And we'll bet he hasn't a waiters' union card, either.

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ROMANCE DEPT. - On a quiz, Mrs. Beck was asked why she married Mr. Beck. It seems to us that this would be a difficult question to answer; but at any rate, she answered it by saying that she was sorry for him because no one else wanted him.

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We wonder how Mr. Panosh felt the next day, after smoking that giant cigar.

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THE MUSEUM OF MAN, Balboa Park, is open for a National Coin Week display. Mr. Tuthill, the curator, not only favors the idea; he is enthusiastic about it. As this is an anthropological and historical museum, Mr. Tuthill would prefer an exhibit which shows some development of coinage - a series of rulers, or a display showing the evolution of coins of one or more countries. A single week is a short period for a museum exhibit, and therefore Mr. Tuthill would prefer that coins be left for several weeks.

EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Mr. and Mrs. Crouthamel: Many completed U.S. sets, taken from circulation

Mr. Johnston: Siamese coins, including "bullets" and many porcelain pieces; proof sets; cents; encased stamps

Mr. Knickerbocker: Nickels; commemorative half dollars; proof sets; U.S. gold

Col. Newton: Nickels; quarters; half dollars; foreign paper money

Mr. Panosh: Great Britain and South Africa proof sets; uncirculated Canadian coins

Dr. Wallace: Cents; nickels; many foreign coins; a coin necklace

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With Dr. Wallace and Mr. Johnston showing coin necklaces and Mrs. Knickerbocker with a coin bracelet, it looks like these things are coming in style.

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The Crouthamel display was remarkable, in that is shows what can be done with coins taken from ordinary circulation, given enough time and patience.

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We are going to sue Mr. MacDonald for false pretences or something. You remember that when we moved our meetings to his New Palace Hotel, he said there was lots of parking space. But the last few times we couldn't get near the joint.

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Or maybe we should take a taxi, and send him the bill.

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Which no doubt he wouldn't pay.

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We were very sorry to learn that Mrs. Case had to undergo an operation, but are pleased that she is recovering rapidly.

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The March meeting program will be arranged by Mr. Knickerbocker. He hasn't yet announced what it will be; but we hereby notify him that it better be good.

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TOE-NAIL SKETCHES OF OUR MEMBERS:

No. 17 - Sam Kabealo, the Silver Tongued Orator from Pasadena

By "silver tongued", we mean that Sam Kabealo is very eloquent. He has to be; by profession he is an auctioneer. We would even say that he is golden tongued, excepting that if he had a gold tongue, it would be against the gold laws. So sam ain't got no gold. Sez who?

Sam has been known to play tricks with gold; for instance, we knew him to peddle a set of 2¢ pieces plated with gold. He always claimed he didn't plate 'em himself; but just the same he had them in his possession, and we have always understood that you are just as guilty when you have the loot as if you did the deed yourself.

If you don't think that Sam is eloquent, we can give you a couple of instances of his salesmanship. He once sold the same set of coins to three different people; and he also sold a modern Mexican gold piece to the Hermit of Skunk Hollow. Despite the fact that the Hermit thinks any coin struck after 476 A.D. is merely a current one.

Then you can see how Sam has to be eloquent in describing the coins he sells. If he claims they are good, that scares the customers. On the other hand if he says they are not so good, that makes the sellers mad. So you can see that Sam is in a fix either way.

Recently Sam's daughter, May, presented him with a new baby granddaughter. So far Sam hasn't signed her up in the C.S.N.A., but it was a strain on him to resist the temptation. He may yield yet.

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NEXT MONTH: Mattie Knickerbocker, the Lady of Fashion of the San Diego Numismatic Society. Don't miss this style revue, gals. Complete in one issue.

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MYSTERY STORY - As no one seemed quite certain which of our four members - Mr. MacDonald, Mr.

Johnston, Mr. Tarosh, and Dr. Wallace - were on the original National Coin Week Committee, Col. Newton cut that Gordian knot by appointing them all.

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That is one more example of how masterful colonels are.

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Mr. Crouthamel donated a Mexican 5-peso gold piece to be sold for the benefit of our 1953 convention fund. We wish to thank him, and also Dr. Wallace, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Safford and the others who donated the coins raffled at our installation for the same purpose.

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The Mission Hills Congregational Church held a hobby exhibit, and among the exhibitors was Mrs. Bowlet. She showed her collection of first day covers; that is, postage stamps cancelled on the day of issue, on special envelopes.

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A NEW MEMBER we welcome this month:

MOSS, Col. Joseph Philadelphia, Penna.

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It looks like the S.D.N.S. is getting a slightly military aspect; with Col. Moss added to our other Colonels Newton and DeWitt, that makes three colonels in one little society.

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Speaking as one who never got beyond private in the Canadian Corps and sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, that seems like an awful lot of brass to us.

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And while we are on the subject of colonels, we see by the papers that the local F.B.I. pinched two phoney Marine Corps Colonels. So we hasten to explain that those "colonels" ain't Colonels Newton and DeWitt.

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That is, we are sure that Col. DeWitt ain't involved, but how can we be sure about Col. Newton, when one of the masqueraders actually claimed he WAS Col. Newton?

Could that be an example of "double personality" such as the psychologists tell us about?

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Like Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde.

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However that may be, Col. Newton should be flattered because that guy took him for his model; but somehow the colonel ain't.

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One more remark about colonels and then we will shut up about them (for the time being). Our new member, Col. Moss, is as you all know, 1st Vice President of the A.N.A. - and he has written us approving of the idea of an A.N.A. convention in San Diego such as we were thinking of asking for 1953 or whenever is practicable. So can we come to a definite decision in time to talk about it at the Phoenix convention?

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - At the January meeting, Dr. Herbeck gave an interesting talk on the Byzantine Empire, illustrating it with numerous Byzantine coins. The doctor apologized for the condition of his bronzes; but from the shape in which such bronzes usually are found, his specimens looked pretty good. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. Earle K. Stanton, 3730 Edenhurst Ave., Los Angeles on March 16. Mr. Ward will speak on "Roman Humor on Roman Coins", this humor being in the form of the puns so common on coins of the Republican period.

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We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Gilbert Askew, of the staff of B.A. Seaby, Ltd., London, England. The writer never had the privilege of meeting Mr. Askew in person, but in all mail dealings with him found him to be a very fine man to do business with, and always willing to do favors.

Mr. Askew was the author of numerous articles on Roman coins, and was an expert in his field. His passing is not only a blow to his concern, but is a loss to the numismatic world in general.

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The MONTHLY of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, San Francisco is to continue despite the suggestion that the December number might be the last one. We now have the January number, edited by Mr. Bowker instead of Mr. Hill. While Mr. Hill always did a good job with this paper, the first number by Mr. Bowker is fully up to standard. We are pleased to see the Numismatic Bulletin continue - and hope it will continue for many years to come.

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The following is adapted from an article in the San Diego Union by Dr. Anentie T. Babienco:

I have heard that San Diego, California
Is an exceedingly rich city; so rich
In fact, that every blade of grass
Has a green back; every bird has a
Bill, the chimneys have their drafts
And the maids wash the front doors
With Gold Dust; every horse has a
Check, and every ditch has two banks;
Even the streets are flushed and the
Lawns get a rake-off; every cloud
Has a silver lining and every flower
In the city has a scent; when you
Put a five-dollar bill in your
Pocket you double it, and when you
Take it out, you find it in creases.
How do you want to leave here or not?

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MORE DITT. - You can always depend on us for a few errors in typing, but last month we produced a larger crop than usual. It is remarkable how obscure such errors are when one is typing and how conspicuous they become in the finished product. We especially want to apologize to Mr. Kosoff for spelling his name with so many "S's" that it seemed as if we were hissing at him.

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It is our understanding that the Philadelphia mint will strike 1941 proofs, but we have no details yet.

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A remark about stamp collectors which might also be applied to coin collectors begins an article by Mr. D. E. Wadia in "India's Stamp Journal" of Bombay, India. Mr. Wadia says:
"Very few out of the multitude of stamp collectors seem to know anything about the history which their stamps depict".

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If you don't study your coins, you are missing a lot of the pleasure to be had from numismatics.

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Another mystery we had at our last meeting was the "Mystery of the History". In other words, where the heck had our history book gone? After some discussion Mr. Johnston was the Sherlock Holmes who solved this one, and he promised to bring the book.

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This was a disappointment to the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, who figured that with no history book, he would not have to write any history.

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As Mr. Johnston is so good at solving mysteries, let's give him a real tough one to answer: Why on earth is this here Bulletin anyway?

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And at last comes - -

THE END

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 2 at New Palace Hotel, 5th and Elm Sts., San Diego, Calif.

IMPORTANT: Our meeting place may have to be changed. Due to the shortage of housing and hotel space in San Diego, the New Palace Hotel may convert our present meeting room into sleeping quarters for military and naval personnel on leave. The reason for the delay in getting out this number of the Bulletin is that it was held up until this point could be settled, and the new meeting place, if any, announced.

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THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION, Hotel Casa del Rey, Santa Cruz, April 6-8 - Plans now are complete, and are as follows:
REGISTRATION: From 2:30 P.M., April 6. Fee $6.00, which includes cost of banquet and luncheon.
EXHIBITS: Will be divided into four classes, United States, ancient, foreign, and special. Three cases will be allotted to each exhibitor. Mr. Fred Skillman, 1211 Broadway, Santa Cruz is in charge of exhibits, and application should be made to him for use of cases. Please state the class of your display. Ample police protection will be provided.
BOURSE: In charge of Mr. Earl A. Parker, 1254 Market St., San Francisco to whom dealers wishing space should apply. Charge for a table with two cases, $10.00
SPEAKERS: Comdr. H. F. Bonker on "Chinese Coins"; Dr. Glen Curtis on "My Most Interesting Coins"; Mr. Everett S. Ostrom on "Numismatics and Medals"; and Mr. Robert H. Vermilya on "Coins of Alexander the Great".
AUCTION: Will be conducted by Mr. Paul H. Wittlin in two sessions, April 7 and 8, starting at 2:00 P.M.
HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Should be made at once directly to the Hotel Casa del Rey. Mention the association.

Rooms [illegible] $[illegible]0, bourse $7.00; terms $[illegible].00

CONVENTION CHAIRMEN: General chairman, Mr. R. G. McArthur; registration, Mr. Leonel C. Panosh; exhibits, Mr. Fred Skillman; bourse, Mr. Earl L. Parker; awards, Dr. C. T. Emmons; door prizes, Mr. Kenneth W. Lee; forum, Mr. A. W. Ritchie; entertainment, Mr. F. X. Galvin; publicity, Mr. Charles V. Kappen.

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These conventions are the most outstanding numismatic events in California, and are well worth attending - go to them if you can. The opportunity of seeing fine exhibits, of hearing excellent speakers, and of adding to your collection should not be passed up. And what is most attractive of all is the fine friendly atmosphere in which collectors get together to discuss their interests. If you have attended previous conventions you know all this; if not, come to this one and find out. Even if you are not a member of the C.S.N.A., come just the same. You will be welcome.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Mr. Johnston: Proofs; Siamese porcelain coins; fractional currency

Mr. Knickerbocker: Cents; nickels; U.S. gold; medals

Mr. Kosoff: Large paper money, some of it being very unusual; 6 $50 octagonal gold pieces of various types and dates; many proofs

Sgt. Lang: Crowns

Col. Newton: Half dollars; quarters; nickels; paper money; Japanese postage stamps, including the first issue

Mr. Panosh: Medals

Mr. Ward: Roman Republican silver

Dr. Wallace: Cents; commemorative half dollars; Mexican gold; ancient coins

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

MITCHELL, D. C.	San Diego
MITCHELL, Mrs. D. C.	" "
GILSON, Vern D.	" "

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At our last meeting we were pleased to see several of our old timers who had been absent for various reasons. For instance, you will notice the name of Sgt. Lang as an exhibitor. He was here on furlough from Camp Cooke and when that furlough expires, he leaves for Japan - so he will be on his way when you read this. We all wish him the very best of luck.

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Mr. Leuschner was out of hospital for just a few days and so came to the meeting. He is much better, we are glad to say, but is still a little weak and has to have considerable more checking up by the doctors before he can get out of their clutches entirely.

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And Mr. Walrath was present, he being down in southern California again for the time being. We hope he stays this time.

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We also were delighted to see Mr. Johnson again. He had been not too well the past few months. He showed some of the Swedish coins he obtained through his ad in the "Numismatist", and some of them are very rare. They include a uniface 8-heller piece struck in Frankfort by Gustavus Adolphus, and coins of Christina struck in Pomerania, Livonia, and Latvia. Of the latter only three specimens are known to exist, only one of them being in this country.

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Then California's two most distinguished coin auctioneers were present; Mr. Kabealo and Mr. Kosoff. Mr. Kabealo acted as the meeting auctioneer; but with two auctioneers, perhaps we should have divided the work between them. We could have had one of 'em auction off the obverses and the other the reverses of the coins for sale. Thus we could have found out who gets the best prices.

Another out of town member was present by proxy; he sent a coin to represent himself. We mean Mr. Chris Petersen of Washington. He wrote that he had never done much for the club, so he wanted us to accept an 1829 cent, No. MA1, to be sold for the benefit of our treasury. This was duly done, the coin going to Mr. Safford for $10.50. This was very nice of Mr. Petersen; his coin was an excellent specimen, and Mr. Safford got a bargain.

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A SLIGHT CASE OF AMNESIA - Now we know the reason that Mr. Bull wasn't at our installation and dinner. He said that although he had tickets, he completely forgot about it on the date it was held. We guess that next time he will have to tie a string around his neck so he can remember.

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But now do you suppose he will try to use those same tickets next year?

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Mr. Bull also showed an 1883 Hawaiian quarter that he picked up in ordinary change. It was in pretty good shape, too.

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For entertainment at our last meeting, Mr. Kabealo provided some very fine colored motion pictures of the last Pasadena Rose Parade.

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We now have passed a rule that dealers using tables at our meetings will pay $1.00 for their use. This is the entire charge; the commission charge is discontinued.

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"YOU BRING THE DUCKS" DEPT. - If you pulled that old gag about inviting someone for a duck dinner and "you bring the ducks" on Mrs. Dixon, it would work. Anyway, Mrs. Bowler invited Mrs. Dixon to visit her - and Mrs. Dixon brought the dinner.

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This is a convenient thing to know if you run short of groceries; just invite Mrs. Dixon.

TOE-NAIL SKETCHES OF OUR MEMBERS:

No. 18 - Mattie Knickerbocker, the Lady of Fashion of the San Diego Numismatic Society

Did you notice Mattie Knickerbocker's new spectacles with the gold ornaments dribbling all over the frames? We expect that soon all the ladies will be wearing that kind, as Mattie sets the styles. Look how everyone copied her coin bracelet. Therefore all of you who have gold coins should lock them up from your wives, so they can't have 'em melted down for spectacle trimmings.

But Mattie didn't get those glasses from choice. She had to. Knick slammed the car door on her other pair. Ain't it lucky that she didn't have them on at the time?

Then did you also notice Mattie's new hat? It had a small garden of purple flowers on top. This does not mean that she is imitating Doc Wallace's orchid plantation; those flowers were violets, indicating the approach of spring. When summer approaches, we look for her to wear a hat full of sunflowers or hollyhocks.

Anyway, Mattie is always blossoming out in new clothes. In fact, it has even reached the point where Knick, when driving with her across country, always drives at night when the stores are closed. Otherwise he couldn't make any progress, as Mattie would stop in each of them to see what's new. To say nothing of Knick's running out of cash on the trip.

Mattie's clothes are really the reason for so many Cadillacs (three of 'em) being needed by the Knickerbocker family. She has to have one to match each dress. It would be gauche for her to ride in a blue Cadillac while wearing a red dress; the colors would clash. And if Scotch plaids came in style, we guess Knick would have to buy another Cadillac - with a Scotch plaid design.

Her stylish clothes have even been known to literally stop the traffic. While wearing a red coat, she once wanted to stop a bus. So she waved the red coat, and

the driver stopped. Probably he was dazzled. And naturally he did not dare run past a red flag. But if Hattie does that too often, some day the police are going to think she is carrying on some kind of a Communistic celebration.

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NEXT MONTH: "Oh Frenchy!" - or in other words, "Oh Arthur Vigneault"

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK will be April 20-26. Mr. MacDonald and his committee have made plans for various exhibits, so please cooperate with them all you can. Let's get a prize this time.
The theme for this year is "Numismatics of American History", which would pretty well confine the displays to U.S. coins. As this is too limiting we are not going to pay much attention to the theme, but are going to put on the best displays we can, regardless if they have any bearing on U.S. history or not.

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At last we realize why Dr. Wallace administered such a detailed pledge to the new 1951 officers at our installation. He didn't trust them, and so wanted to pin 'em down on all points.

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TRAVELOGUE - Evidently Hizzoner Judge Brimelow of the Elkhart Coin Club ain't used to travelling. The Elkhart Coin Club Bulletin says that when he headed for the A.N.A. Milwaukee convention, he got to Chicago instead.

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Maybe these Indiana farm boys should never leave home in the first place.

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At any rate, remind us to mail Hizzoner a road map so he can find his way to Phoenix this year.

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And now having mentioned Phoenix, we will add that the A.N.A. convention to be held there this year is one more national convention relatively near to San Diego. Therefore many of us who would be unable to get to an eastern convention should be able to make

this one - and we hope that many of us will. We also hope that by that time we will be able to definitely discuss the possibility of a national convention in San Diego. The Phoenix convention will be in the Westward Ho Hotel, August 25-29.

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The A.N.A. convention auction will be conducted by Mr. James Kelly, 3rd and Broadway, Dayton, Ohio, and if you are not on his mailing list, drop him a line asking for his catalog. Mr. Kelly promises a very fine catalog, with plates of the rarer items.

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Dr. Wilson is going all classical on us. He sent a letter to the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, and addressed it to: "Mephitis Mephitis Vallis Solitarius Homo".

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That made a problem for the rural mail carrier, who is not familiar with Latin. But he delivered the letter just the same - which shows how efficient the post office is.

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Or how prominent the hermit is.

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The Latin word "vallis" is pronounced "wallace", so maybe we ought to explain that Dr. Wilson isn't trying to ring Dr. Wallace in with the skunks.

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Or is he?

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1951 PROOFS - We have a letter from Col. Joseph Moss on this subject, and he says:
"Yesterday I called the mint on the telephone and spoke to the Superintendent, who is an old friend of mine. He informed me that as yet no fifty cent pieces for the year 1951 had been struck, and until they were struck no proof coins would be minted. He also stated that he expected the 1951 proof coins would be minted in the early part of May, 1951."
So there's the latest dope - and Col. Moss promises to advise us of any further development.

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At last we are making something. A Los Angeles woman, in announcing her candidacy for President in the next election, gives a platform which includes "a mint in every county".

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Golly, but won't that make a beautiful variety of mint marks?

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Dr. Wallace is sure going to vote for that gal, because with so many mints he should easily be able to get at least one of 'em to strike those commemorative cents he has been agitating for.

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In case you don't know - and the doc will gladly explain his idea if you give him the slightest excuse - Dr. Wallace wants commemorative cents struck in many varieties and at frequent intervals, to celebrate the outstanding events in United States history.

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We don't know how that argument between the Federal Reserve Board and the Treasury is coming out, but no matter what they decide to do about our dollars, we expect to keep on getting poorer and poorer all the time.

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And ain't it funny? The more money we get, the poorer we seem to be.

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UNRECLAIMED PROPERTY DEPT. - Mr. Johnston thinks that there would be no use in his hanging a sign on Mrs. Devlin's neck as we suggested, to advertise his coin store. At any rate, he would be unable to sell the coin necklace, for after allowing Mrs. Devlin to wear it and fall in love with it, he couldn't get it off of her with a crow bar.

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Mrs. Dixon has almost as much trouble as Mr. Flourney in getting people to get her name right. Not only is it spelled Dickson, Dixson, Dichsohn, etc., but our secretary, Mr. Wilson, listed her first name as

Lorris - which is a very unusual way of spelling Helen.

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Anyway, no one seems to have any trouble in spelling the names of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

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Notice to stamp and postmark collectors - especially Mrs. Bowler: San Luis Obispo, California will use a special slogan postmark until July 1, commemorating the 50th anniversary of California State Polytechnic College.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting of this group will be at the home of Mr. Koonce, 4269 Fair St., North Hollywood on April 20. To get there, take Ventura Boulevard to Vineland, turn right on Vineland to Acama, then left on Acama to Fair. Mr. Koonce will speak on ancient Greek and Roman architecture and the members will bring coins illustrating ancient edifices.
At the March meeting, Mr. Ward spoke on "Roman Humor on Roman Coins". The speech must have been a success, because no one threw any eggs.

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Mr. Lauschner, who accompanied Mr. Ward (as a bodyguard maybe) says that might only be because no one happened to bring any eggs.

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Or it may be that eggs now are just too darn expensive to throw.

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As a special inducement to attend the next Classical Collectors meeting, Mr. Koonce claims that he has a chimera in a cave in his back yard. Very few of us have ever seen a chimera, so that should be worth seeing.

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But it seems to us that having chimeras around the place would be worse than having the Hermit of Skunk Hollow's skunks.

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Maybe the hermit should bring some of his skunks to

has reason to protect himself against the chimera.

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Mr. Chamberlain has a theory that is not going to make him popular with collectors of ancient coins. He says he thinks all ancient coins are fakes.

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But you do not have to go that far back for fakes. Just this month the writer was offered - and refused - a counterfeit $1.00 bill. The paper was soft and "raggy", not at all like the high quality crisp paper of genuine bills. It had been crumpled and dirtied, which is a common trick with phonies to hide engraving irregularities. The green ink of the reverse was distinctly an off shade, and moreover was blurred near the right end. Compared to a genuine bill, the printed portion was approximately 1/16" shorter. We know that there were bad $10.00 bills in circulation, but this is the first bad $1.00 we have seen in a long time.

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You will have noticed that last month's Bulletin had a pink cover. The San Diego post office stopped us from using our bright red Communistic covers; but we guess it's all right if we remain merely a "parlor pink".

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We are pleased to see Col. Newton still around, as this shows that it was the other "Col. Newton" that was jailed, and not our kernel.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow complains - and he's always complaining about something - that he has not yet received any of his '95' salary as editor and historian. This is especially aggravating in view of the fact that he only accepted the job for the money there was in it.

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From the "Circulated Proof" of the East Bay Coin Club, Oakland, we cull this gem of wisdom: "The only money that goes as far today as it did in 1940 is the nickel that rolls under the bed".

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And from the same paper we learn that it costs the government as much to manufacture a $1.00 bill as it does a $10,000.00 bill - about one cent.
We hate to see the government losing money that way, by paying as much for a dollar as for ten thousand. So we are going to make the Treasury a proposition. We well gladly pay them 10¢ for each $10,000.00 bill, thus allowing them a clear profit of 9¢ on each bill.

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If Mr. Panosh had two coins just alike in his Siamese collection, would it be correct to refer to them as Siamese twins?

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We wonder if Dr. Curtis would lend us one of his Ecuador Indian blowguns, whose darts render the victim unconscious. We want to go into Mr. Kosoff's coin store and shoot him, and while he is unconscious, fill up a bag with his coins.

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Now we got to quit to get ready for the convention. We ought to start now, because it is a long walk. It's also a long drive with the kind of car we have.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, May 7 at New Palace Hotel, 5th and Elm Sts., San Diego, Calif.
Speaker: Mr. Ward on "Roman Ancestry of United States Coins"

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION at Santa Cruz - It now is no longer necessary to report any such convention as successful and pleasant; they all are. And this last one was no exception. We wouldn't miss any of them if we could possibly help it.
Full details of the convention will be given in the "Calcoin News", the offician magazine of the association, so we will, as usual, just touch on a few points of interest.

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Attendance was 130 registered. This does not include the casual visitors, of whom no count was taken. The local newspaper gave the convention a good writeup - even though it was somewhat misleading in describing the exhibits as if they formed just one collection. But that was only a trifle.

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The exhibits were very fine, some of them remarkably so. Perhaps there were not quite as many as usual, but those shown did include some nice material, and were attractively arranged and labelled. We could wish that the exhibit room was a little better lighted - but that is an old story. It's hard to get ideal lighting.

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Santa Barbara, California was selected for the next convention. The dates will be November 2 to 4 inclusive.

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At the Santa Cruz convention, new officers were elected for the coming year, they being as follows:

PRESIDENT: Mr. Panosh
VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. Ostrom
SECRETARY-TREASURER: Mr. McArthur
LIBRARIAN: Mr. Bingham
BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Dr. Lemons; Mr. Mitchell; Mr. Kappen; Mr. Bowers; Mr. Johnston

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With those names, we know the association is in good hands. Those men all are experienced both in the C.S.N.A. and in local clubs, having held various offices in each. They will do a good job, we know.

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Mr. Panosh suggested that the new officers were railroaded into office at the business meeting, which had a small attendance. Well, how could it have had much of an attendance, when most of the members couldn't get out of bed that early on the second day of the convention?

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CONVENTION EXHIBITS:

Mr. Vreeland Fraser: U.S. gold, including $2.50 Indian pieces complete, the commemoratives, St. Gaudens, $4 Stella, etc.; many proofs including complete set of dimes (FIRST AWARD for U.S. COINS)

Mr. Edward Fogler: Silver coins of the German States and Third Reich (FIRST AWARD for FOREIGN COINS)

Mr. Thomas W. Ward: Series of Roman Imperial portrait coins (FIRST AWARD for ANCIENT COINS)

Mrs. Anna Panosh: Foreign orders and decorations (FIRST AWARD for SPECIAL CLASS)

Mrs. Mattie Knickerbocker: Large showing of U.S. proofs (SECOND AWARD for U.S. COINS)

Mr. Milton C. Strauch: Crowns; foreign gold; French Colonial coins (SECOND AWARD for FOREIGN COINS)

Mr. Charles V. Kappen: Bronzes of the 13 colonies; series of Roman Imperial portrait

coins (SECOND AWARD for ANCIENT COINS)

Mr. Everett Ostrom: Military medals and decorations (SECOND AWARD for SPECIAL CLASS)

Mr. Fred Skillman: U.S. and California gold; commemorative half dollars (THIRD AWARD for U.S. COINS)

Cmdr. H. F. Bowker: Chinese coins, including very many pieces of unusual shape and size (THIRD AWARD for FOREIGN COINS)

Mr. Robert H. Vermilya: Large showing of tetradrachms of Alexander the Great (THIRD AWARD for ANCIENT COINS)

Mr. Leonel C. Panosh: Medals of the Society of Medallists (THIRD AWARD for SPECIAL CLASS)

Mr. Ruly Gjurovich: Colonial paper money

Mr. Roy Hill: Coins of Greece, Iceland, Greenland, and Hawaii; medals; wooden nickels

Mr. Robert T. Illing: Roman coins; crowns

Mr. Dennis Olswang: Freaks, including some remarkable Lincoln cents, a nickel struck the size of a quarter, a nickel separating into layers, etc.; Canadian cents

Mr. David Redfield: Uncirculated set of U.S. gold types

Mr. A. R. Rittenhouse: Fractional currency; Confederate half dollar restrike; Colonial cents

Mr. Arnold Rosing: British 1937 proof set; U.S. coin types with unusually complete and well written descriptions

Mr. Syl C. Tully, Jr.: English coins, including Saxon and Romano-British pieces; English tokens arranged on map to show location of point of issue

Mr. Thomas Twohey: British coins from Edward III to date; Maundy money sets

Mr. Erich Werling: Annamese coins, including many silver bars; Bryan "money"

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You will notice that the S.D.N.S. members did all right for themselves with awards again. Three firsts, one second, and one third were won by our members.

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The awards were made by the method we now have generally adopted and which seems satisfactory to all; that is, instead of having a committee of judges, we have the registered members and guests vote on the displays which seem best to them.

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We are also convinced that our present method of dividing displays into classes for judging is the best and fairest way of doing. There is just one more change we would like to suggest again; that is having a class for juniors. It is hard for juniors to compete with adults, and yet some of the junior exhibits were very fine - they often are. The Illing, Olswang, and Twohey exhibits were by juniors, and all of them were excellent; they showed the results of a lot of work in arrangement, and also that their owners had done a considerable amount of research. And to our way of thinking, such research is important, ans deserves recognition. So maybe in future we can arrange to give the kids a break, with some kind of an award just for them.

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THE OPTIMIST - Mr. Fraser was so sure he was going to get an award, that he advanced to the ribbon distributor, Dr. Emmons, even before his name was called.

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The doc promptly chased him - but maybe he should have called the hotel's bouncer.

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The door prizes this time consisted of merchandise orders on various coin dealers, and were donated by: Wittlin's; Eureka Coin Shop; Hollinbeck Stamp and Coin Co.; Numismatic Gallery; W. E. Johnson; Irving Knickerbocker; Johnston's Coin Exchange; Earl A. Parker; AT Crites; Frank X. Galvin; Bruno Crossfield; James Kelly; [illegible] Hernandez; Fred Langford; Charles Peters; [illegible]; and William Sexton.

Thanks, fellows, and if I accidentally overlooked anyone, we want to thank him too.

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THE S.D.N.S. DELEGATION AT THE CONVENTION:

Mrs. Devlin	Mr. Knickerbocker
Mrs. Dillon	Mrs. Knickerbocker
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Panosh
Mrs. Fraser	Mrs. Panosh
Mr. Johnson	Mr. Tom Ward
Mr. Johnston	Mr. T. W. Ward

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And then also there were some of our out of town members, such as Mr. Lee, Mr. Parker, Mr. Hill, etc.

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But we did miss some of the old regulars. For instance where was the usual Wallace-Chamberlain gang? And Mr. Kabealo and Mr. Kosoff?

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Although Mr. Kosoff wasn't present, his partner, Mr. Kriesberg, was. And Mr. Kriesberg might be said to have had a narrow escape from being there - or anywhere else - at all. He came on that Southwest Airways plane that wrecked with a loss of 22 lives. He left the plane at Watsonville, the nearest airport to Santa Cruz; the plane then took off and crashed near Goleta with the loss of all on board.

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A member who usually attends all conventions but was absent this time, is Mr. Fish. We are sorry to say this was due to an automobile accident. We understand that he was not seriously hurt, and we are at least glad of that.

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We were especially pleased to see Mr. Fogler present, especially as he looked and acted so well. He evidently now has completely recovered from that terrible elevator accident he had, although he suffered the complete loss of two ribs, the breaking of four others, and other injuries.

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The numismatic forum speakers were Cmdr. Bowker on

"Chinese Coins", Dr. Curtis on "My Most Interesting Coins", and Mr. Vernilya on "Tetradrachms of Alexander the Great". All of these talks were very interesting, and the association is fortunate in having such learned and competent members.

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The guessing contest for the numbers on the bill was won by:

Mr. G. P. Nader, the $5 bill
Dr. Curtis, the $2 bill

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But we wonder how far the $5 and $2 went toward paying those fellers' convention expenses.

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We doubt if the doc's $2 would even pay for the film he used in making all those photographs. He must have used a good many yards of film.

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A little girl was called from the audience to draw the names for the door prizes. Can that be because none of those here coin collectors would trust any other to do the drawing?

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When we read the big headlines "MacArthur Fired", we thought that maybe Mr. McArthur was thrown out of his new job right away.

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Among the people who came farthest to attend the convention, were Mr. Yeoman from Racine, Wisconsin, and Mr. Kelly from Dayton, Ohio.

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As an entertainment feature, Mr. Gjurovich and Mr. Olswang put on a comic mock wedding. Speaking as a confirmed bachelor of many years standing, mock weddings seem dangerous to us. What if one of them took?

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Mr. Parker put on a skit, "Five Minutes in a Busy Coin Shop", a burlesque of what coin dealers often have to contend with. In a way, it wasn't a burlesque at all; there was hardly any exaggeration to

it. All coin dealers have to waste a lot of time with people who think any coin is worth a fortune because it is old.

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As usual, Mr. Panosh got stuck with the job of registration.

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Mr. Kappen was publicly praised for his work on the "Calcoin News", and he deserves praise. That is an excellent magazine, and if you don't think it is a lot of work getting out such a magazine, just try it some time.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow has something else to be sore about. Mr. Patterson's birthday (his 21st?) was announced at the dinner; the Hermit had a birthday on the day the convention opened, but no one said anything about it.

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But maybe the whole convention was a birthday celebration for him.

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Or then again, perhaps the Hermit's birthday should be considered as a day of mourning.

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Anyway, if that day was Mr. Patterson's 21st birthday - and we don't think it was - then the question rises: what was he doing in the bar the previous evening?

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A WIND? - After the banquet was all over, Mr. Hill rummaged among the deserted tables. We didn't know why at first; we thought that maybe conditions in San Francisco were so bad that he had to pick up some leavings. But his object became plain when we saw him pounce on one of those small bottles of wine that someone had forgotten.

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That should be enough about the convention for the time being, so we'll now get on with the S.D.N.S. stuff.

We have heard [illegible] - and that is what we consider as bad news. In June he will be transferred to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and we certainly will be very sorry to see him go. We always have had misgivings that something of the kind might happen, as anyone in the services (even colonels!) is likely to be sent almost anywhere. So all we can do is to hope that the colonel gets a good berth at his new post of duty - and that some day we will have him back with us again.

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When Col. Newton leaves, Mr. Crouthamel will automatically become president. We'll bet that he never expected such rapid promotion when we elected him vice president.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Mr. Bull: Gold coins of the world
Mr. Knickerbocker: Chinese bronzes
Mr. MacDonald: 1896 set complete; 1916 set uncirculated; Canadian sets, 1948-51 inclusive
Mrs. Panosh: Medals and decorations
Mr. Walrath: 1892 set complete, including gold, in holder

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The S.D.N.S. endorses the following A.N.A. members for election to office at the Phoenix convention:

PRESIDENT: Col. Joseph Moss
1st VICE PRESIDENT: Dr. J. Hewitt Judd
2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. Jack Ogilvie
SECRETARY: Mr. Lewis M. Reagan
TREASURER: Mr. Harold Klein
BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Mr. Leonel C. Panosh
Capt. O. H. Dodson
Mr. Charles Ryan
Mr. Christian M. Peterson

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We think that is a pretty good slate; all of the above are good men.

Dr. Wilson had to miss our last meeting, being at a dentists' convention in Los Angeles. We ain't sure just what a dentists' convention is like, but we imagine it must be kind of a down-in-the-mouth affair.

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If they conduct it like a numismatic convention, they must have large displays of false teeth, bridges, and crowns.

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But you can see crowns at numismatic conventions too.

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We expect the leading dental speaker opens his speech with: "This isn't going to hurt a bit".

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Drill teams are featured at some conventions, and Dr. Wilson should have no trouble assembling a drill team of dentists.

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We suggest that the doc might offer this slogan for his dental association: "Let's all pull together, boys".

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow also missed the last meeting, as he did not feel too well. However there is no truth in the rumor that his illness was due to his approaching one of his skunks from the wrong direction.

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In the absence of Dr. Wilson, Mr. Panosh acted as secretary. And as Mr. Ward was to speak that night and wasn't present, Mr. Panosh put on a numismatic spelling bee, with the prize being a bill donated by Col. Newton.

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Although she collects it and has a lot of it and handles it all the time, Mrs. Crouthamel went down on the word "currency".

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Dr. Wallace agitates for commemorative coins, but he doesn't even know how to spell the word "centennial".

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And we are ashamed to say that our school teacher, Mrs. Panosh, can't spell "furio". And Latin is so near to her own specialty, Spanish, too.

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Mr. Chamberlain, the feller who doesn't believe there are any ancient coins anyway, wanted to know where Mr. Panosh got the word "tetradrachm".

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The word "Dahlonega" stuck a lot of people, but they had no trouble with "Feuchtwanger".

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All of this shows how educating numismatics can be. Maybe.

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A couple of months ago, we suggested that Mr. Johnston, in his capacity of S.D.H.S. Sherlock Holmes, should find out what this here Bulletin was for anyway. So now Mr. Johnston has come up with this report:

I wish to say in reply to his last paragraph in the last issue of the Bulletin: We have the best bulletin in the U.S.A., free from any advertisements, written by a genius. In fact comments have come from all over the U.S.A. It is a paper worthy of keeping year by year and having bound in a book form.
Last but not least we have a skunk for an editor who can write and not leave a bad scent.

Yours
Eugene D. Johnston,
Local Slouth.

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And Mr. Johnston actually wrote that despite the things we have printed about him! Now our hat won't fit no more.

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Of course, calling the editor a skunk might be considered as somewhat doubtful praise.

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Anyway, thanks for them kind words, Gene.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce that the meeting of May 18 will be at the home of Mr. George Bennett, 1548 Michelorena St., Los Angeles. Mr. Bennett will speak on the Library of Alexandria.

At the April meeting, Mr. William Koonce gave a very nice talk on Greek and Roman architecture in relation to coin types, illustrating it with photographs of Greek and Roman ruins and coins from his own collection as well as some brought by Mr. Stanton, Dr. Harbeck, and Mr. Mason. Mr. Koonce has kindly given us a copy of his talk, which we will print in the next month or so.

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What with all the convention news and one thing and another, we got kind of crowded for space this month, and so you are going to have to wait a month for the rest of the garbage - we mean literature.

For instance, we didn't have room enough to print our account of the life and times of Mr. Vignault; but we ain't neglecting him. We'll put him on next month's program.

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Anyway, the less we print, the less stuff you have to read.

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If anyone does read it.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 4 at Bartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

THIS NEXT MEETING WILL BE OUR 14th ANNIVERSARY MEETING, and as usual we will have a dinner, starting at 7:00 P.M. This time we will have a spaghetti and ravioli dinner, so we hope you like those Italian delicacies.

Please bring material for displays; ribbons will be awarded for the best showings.

Entertainment will be provided, but full details have not yet been worked out.

You will receive a reservation blank from Mr. Ramsh asking how many will be in your party; please fill this out and return it to him as soon as possible. We don't want to have a lot of food left over; on the other hand we don't want anyone to go hungry. So we have to know approximately how many will be present.

Besides being our anniversary dinner, this meeting will be in the nature of a farewell party for Col. Newton. As you all know, the colonel is being transferred to the Navy Yard, Brooklyn; he expected to be gone by this time, but he received a stay of execution or something of the sort, so he hopes to be still here for the meeting. Therefore while we don't want him to go, we do want to give him a good send-off.

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Incidentally, although Col. Newton will be in the east and so turned in his resignation as president, we refused to accept it and are keeping him as president for the balance of the year. Even though Mr. Crouthamel will now do the president's work. We suppose that some lawyer could tell us that this is very illegal, and that it conflicts with our by-laws, is unconstitutional, contrary to parliamentary practice and Roberts' Rules of Order, etc., but we

Don't care. That's what we want to do, rules or no rules; after all, rules are to enable us to do what we want to do - not to keep us from doing it.

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One thing puzzles us though: how Col. Newton and Mr. Crouthamel are going to divide the president's and the vice president's salaries. We guess that is something that they will just have to work out between themselves.

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In speaking of his transfer, Col. Newton uses the military expression, and says he will be "detached". That sounds like he thinks he is some kind of a coupon.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Mrs. Crouthamel: Large paper money; 1937 reeded edge cents and nickels

Mr. Johnson: Some very rare Danish rectangular siege pieces in unusually fine condition, all being uniface specimens

Mr. Johnston: Proof trade and other dollars; 1901-S quarter; commemorative gold; San Francisco silver assay bar of 5.90 Oz.

Mr. Knickerbocker: Cents; dimes; commemorative half dollars; U.S. gold

Col. Newton: Quarters; postage stamps

Mr. Vigneault: Commemorative and other half dollars; crowns; medals; broken bank bills

Dr. Wallace: Various U.S. and foreign coins

Mr. Ward: Roman coins illustrating features in styles and designs later used on U.S. coins

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At the meeting Mr. Ward spoke on the features of U.S. originated by the Romans, and answered questions regarding Roman coins. When he finished he got some applause - but naturally that was only because he had just shut up.

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Our new meeting place, Bartlee Hall, seems to be

generally satisfactory, and so we will use it until further notice. It ought to be more convenient even for the Fallbrook contingent, Mr. Leuschner and the Hermit of Skunk Hollow, because it is closed to Fallbrook by a couple of miles.

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Mrs. Knickerbocker is the one who located the hall, so we should be grateful to her for not having to hold our meetings on a park bench.

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Evidently Mrs. Knickerbocker feels her responsibility in getting us in that hall, because she ran around all evening seeing that everyone was comfortable, that they got enough lunch, etc. Or maybe it is just that she is falling back into her old job as cook and waitress, such as she used to have when we met in Oneira Hall.

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And at last Mrs. Knickerbocker did something of which Mr. Knickerbocker can thoroughly approve. He approves of her getting the hall, because he got a new Panama hat free out of the deal. Dr. Wallace absent mindedly left the hat when he went home, so Mr. Knickerbocker naturally snatched it.

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This made us look to see if the doc had forgotten any coins; but we had no luck.

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The only expression of dissatisfaction we heard all evening was aimed at Dr. Wilson. While he was reading the minutes, a cat wandered in the open door and started yowling at him.

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We should have duly recorded that cat's remarks as a minority protest.

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Maybe we need to appoint a sergeant-at-arms to protect Dr. Wilson against being insulted by stray cats.

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Mr. Panosh showed the meeting a rough draft of a new

S.D.N.S. letterhead, and we voted to adopt it. In order to give the letterhead a distinctive San Diego touch, a view of the harbor and Point Loma will be across the top.

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As this will include a view of the Point Loma lighthouse, Mr. Crouthamel wanted to know if the light would be lit in the finished article.

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Well, Mr. Crouthamel has an auto parts store, so if he wants lights on his letters, he should be able to fit 'em up with spotlights.

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Incidentally these letterheads will not be for the exclusive use of the officers or for official mail. Any member can buy them at cost.

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Mr. Panosh also spoke on the proposed Pine Tree Shilling commemorative quarter and showed a booklet on the subject prepared by the A.N.A. He pointed out that in order to get this coin issued, it will be necessary to do some urging of congressmen: President Truman, the Treasury Department, and the Director of the Mint all oppose it. Therefore if you want this coin - and we believe most of us do - please write to your congressional delegation, especially Representative Clinton McKinnon. The S.D.N.S. is also writing as an organization.

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THE GARDEN GROVE COIN CLUB is another new numismatic group that we welcome to the circle of California clubs, and wish success. Mr. Johnson reported that he attended the second meeting of this new organization at Garden Grove; 37 members are enrolled already, and they are holding the charter open in the expectation of 50.

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"STATE COLLEGE FACULTY TO TAKE CUT 12%" says a newspaper headline. This really worries us. We shall hate to see 12% chopped off our own faculty member, Mrs. Panosh.

TOP-FLIGHT SKETCHES OF OUR MEMBERS:

No. 19 - "Oh Frenchy!" - or in other words, "Oh -- Arthur Vigneault!"

Parlez vous Francaise? Chevrolet coupe? We dunno; but we have one member who can tell you. We mean Arthur Vigneault, the distinguished French ambassador to National City.

Arthur is affectionately known to us as Frenchy. We practically had to name him something, because none of us could pronounce his name. Not the way he pronounces it. You would have to play it on a violin. Thus you see it is a musical name.

Anyhow, Frenchy is our authority on everything French. French cuisine, French keys, French leave, everything. One of Frenchy's collecting interests is transportation tokens. And this shows how true French thrift operates. Transportation fares are all higher than they used to be, but Frenchy got his while they were cheap, so now he can save money on his rides. Another of his interests is Confederate money. On this too, he is ahead of the rest of us. For many years Confederate money was considered worthless; but the way our dollars now are going down in value, Confederate money should soon catch up with the current kind.

Frenchy wants it understood that he is not the Vichy type of Frenchman. But he does drink Vichy, so is that a suspicious circumstance? We really don't think so, because it is well known that Frenchmen drink a great variety of things. And as they like to drink them out in the open in Paris, we don't think that Frenchy will ever feel completely at home until we start serving our after-meeting lunches out on the sidewalk.

As he is our French authority, some time we want to ask him what ever became of Mademoiselle from Armentieres. While in France we heard considerable about her, but never got the end of the story. Maybe Frenchy knows it.

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NEXT MONTH: Kenny Lee, the Small Change Hoarder from Glendale

The correspondence between Mr. Johnston and the Hermit of Skunk Hollow continues, Mr. Johnston's latest contribution being:

"I want to apologize to the - - - - - - of Skunk Hollow, if I have in any way hurt the - - - - - - 's feelings."

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Also, Mr. Johnston says that he never agreed with the theory that the Hermit's illness was caused by his meeting one of his skunks. He says that anything like that would more likely make the SKUNK ill.

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TRAVEL NEWS - Mrs. Bowler reported that Mrs. Dixon was on her way to New York - not to stay, we are glad to say. We don't know if Mrs. Dixon is making the trip in that new Buick; but if she is, we can visualize Mr. Dixon racing along about 50 miles behind her, desperately trying to overhaul her.

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However that may be, we sure hope she has a nice trip.

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THE 1951 PROOFS - As he promised, Col. Moss has written again giving the latest developments. He states that he spoke to Mr. Edward H. Dressel, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, and then goes on to say:

"He informs me that proof coins will be available by May 2, 1951 and that the cost of same, including postage, will be $2.10 a set. Only complete sets will be sold. Certified check or money order must be made payable to the 'Treasurer of the United States'. The address of the mint is 16th and Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia 30, Pa."

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Thanks, colonel.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce the next meeting to be June 15 at the home of Dr. George Landegger, 2220 North Catalina St., Los Angeles, just north of Los Feliz. The doctor has just returned from an extended

stay in Guatemala and will speak on that country. With the doctor's intense interest in antiquities, doubtless that will include a discussion of the ancient Guatemalan ruins.

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We are glad to say that Mr. Walrath, who was at our last meeting, has again settled in Vista, and so we expect him to be with us regularly. For the past couple of years he has had to spend most of his time up north.

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Those old Danes who made the square coins that Mr. Johnson had were pretty smart. If you dropped 'em, they couldn't roll.

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We mean the COINS couldn't roll; not the Danes.

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But Mr. Johnson has one kind of money we would hate to drop if one of our feet happened to be under it. That is, his Swedish plate money.

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ANOTHER COIN DESIGN POSTAGE STAMP - To the list of stamps bearing coin designs may be added one in the series recently issued by Iran in honor of Avicenna. This coin shows the lion and sun and was struck by the Seljuks. The lion and sun combination has long been the national arms of Iran, so this coin might be considered as the ancestor of such arms.

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And there will be another new stamp with a coin design if the Bahamas Post Office goes through with present plans for a new series of pictorial stamps. One of the proposed designs is to be the Hog Island Penny.

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At last the Hermit of Skunk Hollow has something to be pleased about. Now that the Numismatic Gallery has opened an antique department, he can find a market for his car.

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CORRECTION - In last month's Bulletin we accidentally omitted mention of Mr. Ostrom's talk on medals at the Santa Cruz C.S.N.A. convention, for which we want to apologize to him.

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While it's pretty early to say much about plans for the next C.S.N.A. convention, we can at least give you the name of the hotel and the dates: Mar Monte Hotel, Santa Barbara, Calif., November 2-4, 1951.

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It's funny; at our last meeting no one said anything about the last C.S.N.A. convention. And after S.D.N.S. people won five awards, too!

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We guess our members are just too bashful to mention things like that.

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Although we never thought that bashfulness was much of a failing of S.D.N.S. members.

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While we are discussing conventions, the A.N.A. convention at Phoenix is approaching and is closer than we may realize. So we should get ready for it - and don't wait too long to get in your hotel reservations. And prepare exhibits for the convention; exhibits are very important - to our notion, one of the most important things at a convention. As we will have only three more meetings before the convention, we should decide definitely if we want to do anything about inviting a national convention to San Diego. The 1951 convention being in the west, the A.N.A. probably would not want another western meeting in the following year; but how about 1953? Or some other year? At any rate, we should be able to say something definite at the convention.

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Among the Roman coins examined for Dr. Wallace by Mr. Ward was a phoney of Theodosius II. Mr Chamberlain says this just confirms his opinion that all ancient coins are phonies anyway.

ARCHITECTURE AND NUMISMATICS

By William D. Koonce

In the month of July 1947 Mr. E. K. Stanton wrote an article for the "Numismatist" in which he put forth the thesis that we should have a greater coinage featuring important structures of these times. Mr. Stanton cited the Jefferson nickel as a step in the right direction. He indicates that, "The interests of humanity, past, present and future, will likewise be benefited".

If Mr. Stanton refers to the "interests of humanity" in the sense of curiosity I agree - if, however, he refers to the benefits in the sense of social betterment or, and advance in architecture by the avenue of the study of past architecture as represented on coins I am inclined to disagree.

In fact I am not at all in favor of most forms of architectural representation on coins for any reason. If I were challenged to state in what way architecture on coins was the most unacceptable I would unhesitatingly answer from the standpoint of aesthetics.

Not only do most of the temples and other buildings on coins form oppositional patterns that are basically unaesthetic but they tend to caricature even the buildings themselves. Due to the prevalence of columns of the Etruscan Doric, Ionic, Corinthian and Composite styles we are prone to encounter strong verticals cutting through the curvilinear frames formed by the coin planchets, curvilinear lettering areas, and often through the lintels on the building structures themselves.

It is almost axiomatic that a curved frame or any other frame tends to set certain limits upon the design to be enclosed. So much so that in certain parts of the country at certain times the subject or art of Fine Art has been referred to as the "Space Arts".

Thus the problem of the designer is one of creating a pattern of light and dark, line, and in some

cases taken within the limits of the area under consideration. Most certainly, for example, there is little of the aesthetic in a hexastyle temple with a triangular pediment and a strong horizontal base of several steps. While it is true that the caps of the columns and the additions of ornament to the roofs of some temples and other buildings tend to throw a bit of relief by way of a transitional line or form into the grotesqueness of these examples of bad taste - still to this writer's point of view it is a mistake. I leave for the moment the attack upon the adaption of architectural forms to the curvilineal frame and advance even more boldly to the quixotic assault upon the idea of the preservation of the present buildings by commemoration on numismatica. In the first place I see very little in the majority of buildings in which we work and live that is worthy of preservation - much less commemoration. Unless we use commemoration in the sense of "Joy to see the passing of". In the second place I think it would have been an excellent thing if no buildings had ever been depicted on coins and that all the ancient buildings had been completely destroyed.

My reasons for such blasphemy are several - one is that the Renaissance attempt at revival of an unsuited architectural past has continued on through the years and only now has been very largely defeated. Constant reference to the past and a reverence for any style of architecture is a dangerous and reactionary thing that tends to diefy the mistakes and perpetuate the useless forms of another generation or a age.

Sad reminders of this tendency in the "Beaux Arts" days of the American architect is apparent in almost every block in this and every other United States city. It is high time that man was the module - not a mathematical equation based on the posterior section of an ancient column.

(To be continued)

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One of Mr. Leuschner's high priced ($15) geese died. He wasted the carcass by destroying it; he should have brought it to Mr. Bull to stuff.

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There's a suggestion for entertainment at one of our meetings some time; Mr. Leuschner to bring one of his geese or ducks, and Mr. Bull to put on a demonstration of his taxiderming - if that's the word we want.

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PUZZLE DEPT. - You who are so familiar with U.S. coins, take a look at the obverse of a Washington quarter, and see if you can see the following articles:

(1) An animal
(2) A flower
(3) A place of worship
(4) A tropical fruit

For the correct answers, we will give absolutely free a year's subscription to this here Bulletin.

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And we will print the answers next month.

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Don't let our generous prize offer discourage you; after all, even if you win, you don't have to read the Bulletin.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, July 2 at Dartlee Hall, 3860 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

OUR ANNIVERSARY DINNER was another good S.D.N.S. event, and it was a nice evening for all who attended. The dinner was Italian style, and Mr. Panosh and Mr. Vigneault acted as chefs - Mr. Panosh in charge of the spaghetti, and Mr. Vigneault in charge of the ravioli. It was very natural for Mr. Vigneault to take a hand this way, because as we told you, he is an authority on French cooking. Even if this French cooking happened to be Italian. Anyway, you can't beat having a Frenchman in charge of your chow. There were 52 present, which was pretty good - especially as some organizations shut down completely in the summer. Among those NOT present was the Hermit of Skunk Hollow - but that was a distinct advantage.

Mr. Crouthamel rigged up a mechanical (or rather electrical) stool pigeon to trap the members into unwary remarks. That is, he fixes a wire recording machine to catch the remarks of the members, unbeknownst to them, and later playey them back. The most unwary remarks were by Dr. Wallace; they were so very unwary that Mr. Crouthamel had to choke them off in a panic.

Afterwards the machine was used for members to make short talks on various subjects, which also were played back.

The ribbons for the best displays went to Mr. Knickerbocker (FIRST) for a beautiful display of proof sets mounted in colored plastic holders labelled in gold; Mrs. Crouthamel (SECOND) for a fine showing (as usual) of large paper money; Mr. Walrath (THIRD) for a nice display of cents; and to Mr. Crouthamel (FOURTH).

Besides being our anniversary dinner, this was a

farewell party for our president, Col. Newton who is being transferred to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and will be there by the time you read this. We sure are going to miss the colonel, but we hope he and Mrs. Newton are happy in their new home, and that some day they will be back here again.

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Such business as we had att he meeting was dispatched with unusual speed, adjournment being at 9:46 P.M. Of course that doesn't mean that everyone then went home immediately; quite the contrary. Numismatists are night owls.

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You will notice Mr. Walrath mentioned above; we are pleased that he is again attending regularly since he moved back to Vista. We missed him while he was up north.

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AUTOMOTIVE NEWS - The reason that the Hermit of Skunk Hollow missed the meeting was that his car busted down. His starter casing came in two pieces, and the auto mechanic who replaced it expressed the opinion that it had simply rotted through with age.

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At the Father Serra Club, Dr. Wilson gave a talk on "The History of the American Nickel", illustrated with slides. We have heard that talk and seen those pictures, so we know the club got a good show.

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But through some typographical mistake, the newspaper article announcing the doc's speech was headed: "SENATORS TO MEET". So do you suppose that all this time the doc is a senator, and is holding out on us?

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However that may be, things like Dr. Wilson's program are good publicity for numismatics.

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Good publicity for nickels, too. Now if the doc can only figure out some way for a nickel to buy anything - -

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TOE-NAIL SKETCHES OF OUR MEMBERS:

No. 20 - Kenny Lee, the Small Change Hoarder from Glendale

Watch your change, fellers and gals. It will pay you. One of our members watched his until he accumulated enough small change to make a nice collection; we mean Kenny Lee of Glendale.

Kenny has an outstanding collection of quarters and half dollars. We don't know how come he got 'em, as they all are gold, and we never get no gold in change no more. In fact, we don't get much change, period. Maybe he got them when small gold pieces were current in California - in which case Kenny is sure a lot older than he looks. Well, numismatics keeps a man young at that.

Perhaps Kenny is trying to imitate Fort Knox on a small scale. It will be a sad day for him if the government ever turns gold loose again, and his coins become worth only face value.

While he has a lot of small gold, in one respect his collection is very incomplete. He has no gold cents.

Maybe Doc Wallace might help him by modifying his idea of commemorative cents to specify that said commemorative cents be struck in gold.

Another of Kenny's interests is foreign orders and decorations, which shows that he has somewhat of a taste for the flamboyant. Lew Panosh scowls on this phase of Kenny's activity, because Kenny is the feller who started Anna Panosh collecting foreign orders - and that naturally left Lew with less money to spend on coins for himself. If Anna wants a decoration and Lew wants a new Maltese coin, you know in advance who is going to get what. At least you do if you are married.

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HISTORY DEPT. - The next time Mr. Johnson argues with us that the Norsemen and not Columbus discovered America, we are going to squelch him by telling him that the Norsemen couldn't even discover Iceland. The Romans got there first - as is proved by a find of Roman coins there.

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However, Roman coins have been found in a lot of places where the Romans never were, for instance at Visby in Sweden. They probably were brought there by the Vikings as loot.

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And now we suppose that Mr. Johnson will want to sue us for hinting that his ancestors were looters.

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Anyway, Mr. Johnson was born a thousand years too late. A thousand years ago he could have had a swell time collecting coins all over Europe as a member of a Viking crew.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The July 20 meeting of this organization will be at the home of Rev. Gleason L. Archer, 618 Hermosa St., South Pasadena. Dr. Archer, who is a new member, is Professor of Biblical Languages at Fuller Theological Institute, and he plans to show and explain some ancient and mediaeval documents in his field; especially a photostat of a newly discovered copy of the Book of Isaiah. He will also discuss Jewish coins - and with subjects like those, it should be a very full evening.
At the May meeting, Mr. George Bennett, past president of the Los Angeles Coin Club gave a very fine talk on the Library of Alexandria, citing a number of facts about it which are not generally known. As usual the members showed coins, Mr. Earle K. Stanton especially exhibiting some very fine Egyptian specimens. One of them was a very fine bronze of Cleopatra VII; we didn't know they ever came that good. Judging by the ones we have in our own collection, we always thought that the Egyptian mint must have sand blasted them or run over them with a steam roller before issuing them.

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Or else given them the Boltz proof treatment.

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Mr. Alexander Ritchie, president of the East Bay Coin Club, Oakland has written asking for information

about the Classical Collectors, so perhaps we might repeat what we have said previously about this group. It is a small body of men who are interested in all ancient objects, and they hold meetings once a month at some member's home. Regardless of their other interests - Greek and Roman glass, scarabs, Babylonian seals, etc. - they all collect some series of ancient or mediaeval coins. The organization is entirely informal, with no officers, and its meetings are open to anyone interested.

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The meetings are sufficiently interesting for one man to come to them from Palmdale, a distance of about 75 miles; and the writer drives 116 miles to them. The article "Architecture and Numismatics" which we are running is from a talk given by Mr. William D. Koonce at one of the meetings.

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PUZZLE DEPT. - The answers to our puzzle of last month regarding the objects on the obverse of a Washington quarter are as follows:

(1) The animal is a hare (hair) and it is in Washington's wig
(2) The flower is a tulip (two lips)
(3) The place of worship is the temple (on the side of Washington's head
(4) The tropical fruit is a date (under Washington's bust)

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And if that seems pretty corny to you, just remember your editor came from Iowa.

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Palomar College announces a new course in fiction writing, and your editor thought of taking that course. However both of our readers assure us that it ain't at all necessary for us to take no course in writing fiction.

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But we can't help it if the actions of S.D.N.S. members sound like fiction.

ARCHITECTURE AND THE ARTS

By William D. Koonce

(Continued from last month)

Surely everyone can recall when no bank had any class to speak of unless the front was nearly broken by some type of classic column and the ceiling was ornately spaced with rosettes copied slavishly from some Renaissance hall.

It has only been of late years - very late years at that - that architects have very largely thrown aside the ancient mantle of the classics and have realized that the round arch and the gothic fleche are not the highest cultures that man can evolve. Surely the unsupported glass wall (by columns, that is) is a thing of beautiful design and more condusive to healthy living than the dimly lit interiors of hypostyle halls. Surely the liberation of the woman of the family from the slavery of the kitchen is of greater importance in planning a functional kitchen than the appliqued pilaster on the top of the Colosseum. If this is true then why do we wish to hold up to public worship the hideous mistakes or barbarous designs of the present or past? Better let us continue original research into the textures and proportions of modern and functional ideals and let the dead past bury its dead - or at least repose in the cenotaph where only those few of we lost souls who call ourselves numismatists come to worship with drawn shades, and let the public live in peace and progress.

A recent article in the "Numismatist" (April 1951) would tend to bear me out in my contention of the uselessness of temples on coins even in the ancient series.

J. U. Gillespie in his article on Greek Imperial coins emphasizes the restrictions of the ancient die engravers when he says: "Temples, for instance, had long since been conventionalized in both the Greek and Roman coinages".

It is well to say here that in the same article it

appears obvious that Mr. Gillespie as well as Mr. Stanton takes a very pragmatic view of the value of temples on coins, for Mr. Gillespie (page 377) has written: "We can indeed be grateful to the engravers of this series, and especially to the unknown artist who gave us in a coin of Pergamum what must be a fairly accurate representation of the great altar of that city, the remains of which were in the Berlin Museum when the 1932 Guide was published".

Nearly every city at one time or another minted coins portraying temples of the Olympian as well as local deities. In Lydia alone we find the temples of Dionysos, Kore, Athena, Apollo, Zeus, Artemis, Tyche, Hestia, Kybele, Men, Aphrodite, Helios and even Leto. In the main, the designs are conventional, that is, a tetrastyle or hexastyle temple may stand for one of several columns, because the field in which the engravers had to work made it impossible to give exact replicas. In most cases the coins show whether the original temple was Doric, Ionian or Corinthian, whether it was vaulted, arched or purely Greek, and the use to which or the particular deity to which it was dedicated. One of the finest examples I have encountered in this series is that of the temple of Artemis-Anaitis at Hypaepa (BMC Lydia Pl. XII, No. 12, Fig. 6). In this instance the statue of the goddess and her particular attributes, the style of the columns, the pediment, the roof decorations, in fact the entire facade, seem to be portrayed with a detail not usually found on similar coins".

While I know of no special work upon Greek architecture on coins, there is a small monograph upon the temples of Rome as coin types by Mr. Donald F. Brown which was published under the auspices of the American Numismatic Society in 1940. In this treatise the word Rome means just that - it is concerned only with those buildings in the Imperial City.

The book treats the temples chronologically from 88 B.C. (Jupiter Capitolinus of the gens Volteia) to 311 A.D. (Venus and Roma of Alexander Tyrans). During this period 43 types or at least different

temples are used upon the coins. These architectural representations came into use only very gradually. The most usual reason for the depiction of temples on coins as explained by this reference is that the temple was the "building activity of the moneyer or the emperor". However other reasons were no doubt the basis of their use in many cases. In two cases - namely the temples of Neptune (Gens Domitia) and the Divus Julius - we find an iconographical peculiarity; namely that the date of issue preceeds the dedication of the temple - also that the temples are placed on high podiums with no visible means of access.
Another reason for the use of the temple on coins is commemorate some event of extraordinary importance to the Empire. This can be used to explain the following four types:

Janus - for Nero having closed its doors signifying peace

Isis Campensis - because Vespasian regarded that goddess as his "good luck" and slept in her temple before entering Rome to celebrate his victory in Judaea

Fortuna Redux of Marcus Aurelius because of the emperor's safe return from a campaign

Apollo Medicus of Quintillus because of the emperor's good health during a plague

A third reason for temple depiction is that of religious ceremonies going on before the temple - there are too many to mention in this short paper.
A fourth reason is the pictorial commemoration of the political, as for example the Divus Julius series of Hadrian showing the Emperor addressing citizens from the rostra before the temple - this is the single instance which comes under this heading.
There is a possibility that some types do not fall into any of the above catagories, as for example the Genius Senatus of Antoninus Pius or the Juno Martialis of Trebonianus Gallus, etc.
It is odd to note that the number of columns represented numismatically varies from two to six, and

often the same temple may be represented with differing numbers of columns. An excellent example is the decastyle temple of Venus and Rome (3rd Century A.D.) which is depicted as having two, four, six and even eight, with the latter number being very unusual. According to Mr. D. F. Brown architectural detail upon coins is often unreliable even though the general shape and style is reasonably so.
In conclusion it may be well to generalize that the Greeks used architecture on coins but rarely and then only in the later periods, that the Romans used it more frequently, and that the peak of such representation was in the period just prior to the third century or in the reigns of Domitian, Trajan, and Antoninus Pius which varieties of temples on coins were in the order of seven, five and seven, with the last issuer of these coins in a large number being Marcus Aurelius who issued five.
Summarizing the actual depictions we may say that while items were abbreviated upon the coins, nothing was ever added and that in most cases, the building itself served as a model.
Four main methods of representation were: First, "full front" simple; second, full front ornate; third, "vista" or perspective and lastly, the "background" type where the temple serves only as a setting for a religious or political ceremony.
Due to the limits of time I have left the minor architectural items to another more patient than I. By "minor" I refer to the altars, arches, colossems, circuses, columns of commemoration, etc., that could easily form the basis of many volumes.

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We have the May bulletin of the Elkhart Coin Club of Elkhart, Indiana and its editor, Hizzoner Judge Brimelow uses a device that we might copy. He prints a frame enclosing a perfect blank, and calls it the reports of the president and past presidents. Very appropriate too, considering the trouble editors have in getting club members to write any thing for bulletins.

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION is almost on us, so don't neglect your preparations to attend. Get in your hotel reservations at the Westward Ho Hotel, and let Mr. Belt know what you wish to exhibit.

Also, we now will have only two more meetings of the S.D.N.S. before the A.N.A. convention, so we should decide something about the possibility of an A.N.A. convention in San Diego. We have discussed this before, but didn't decide anything for sure.

If 1952 is too soon for us to have a national convention, then how about 1953? Or later? Anyway we should be able to say something at the convention in Phoenix.

We did a good job on the C.S.N.A. convention in San Diego, and we ought to be able to do the same with a national one. It's true that conventions, in order to make them successful, require a lot of work. We know that from our past experience. But if we all get together and work as hard with an A.N.A. convention as we did with the C.S.N.A. one, it should be good going.

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There seems to be a slight falling off in attendance by our junior members, nor do we seem to be getting new ones as often as we like. Can something be done to boost our junior program? A year ago we had a night especially for juniors and gave prizes for exhibits by them and we had a good crowd of enthusiastic juniors; maybe we might do something of the same kind again.

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Mr. Alvin G. Bucklin has shown us a full page article of the Atlanta, Georgia Journal of December 8, 1935, describing the finding of a Roman "Tribute Penny" (Tiberius - Coh. 16) on Stone Mountain. Although this happened so many years ago, it is the first time we heard of it. The coin is supposed to have been lost by a member of De Soto's exploring party, in the same way as the Roman coin found near Port Angeles, Washington several years ago.

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DEADLINE FOR THE JULY BULLETIN: July 10

You will note that we have set a deadline; we simply had to do this. It is impossible for us to wait to almost the end of the month for articles and news, and then get the Bulletin out in time for it to reach you before the following meeting.

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It beats the dickens how rumors start. They now are having one in England to the effect that British shillings and florins (two shilling pieces) are being made in the United States.

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That reminds us of the rumor in this country about thirty years ago, that United States quarters were being made in China.

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And of course, both rumors have about the same amount of truth in them.

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But the one funny numismatic rumor that turned out to be too true was the one that we gave the plates for printing our German occupation money to the Russians.

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And we still await a satisfactory explanation of THAT one.

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We guess there just ain't none.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 6 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif. Program in charge of Mr. Panosh

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION is almost on us - it will be August 25-29 inclusive, at Phoenix, Arizona with headquarters at the Hotel Westward Ho. If you are going to attend - and we hope that many of us will be able to - by all means get your reservations in to the hotel at once. And when you do, or if you have already made reservations, Mr. V. Leon Belt would appreciate being advised, as he wants to check up to see that everyone is properly cared for. His address is 722 West Moreland St., Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Belt also is in charge of exhibits, and you should notify him what exhibit space you will require, so he can allot the appropriate number of display cases to you. If you wait too long, all cases may be taken. If you can possibly make a display at the convention, please do so. Exhibits are among the most important features of conventions and if we all cooperate it will be possible for collectors and the general public to view many coins not usually seen. Let's make a good show.

Papers on numismatic subjects are wanted for the convention, some to be read there and they and others to be published later in the "Numismatist". There will be cash awards of $75, $50, and $25 for the best articles, as well as a silver and two bronze medals and other awards. Mr. Guy L. Chapman, 801 Benton St., Santa Rosa, California is the California member on the Committee of Numismatic Papers, and he asks our cooperation in this convention feature. Mr. Elston G. Bradfield, the Chicago Tribune, Tribune Tower, 24th Floor, Chicago 11, Illinois is the party to whom papers should be sent, and they should reach him

before August 20. Surely some of us should be able to supply articles. If you wish more information on this subject, write to Mr. Chapman. Should you need help in compiling a numismatic paper, it will be given. The editor of the "Numismatist" is prepared to offer assistance and advice. If you prepare a paper and cannot get it in by the August 20 deadline, it can be sent any time up to the actual convention opening date, but then must be addressed to Mr. I. T. Kopicki, American Numismatic Association Papers Committee, Hotel Westward Ho, Phoenix, Arizona, marked "Hold for arrival".

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CONVENTION PROGRAM:

August 25: Registration; placing of exhibits; opening of bourse; talks by Dr. Herbert L. Stahnke and Dr. Jim Yick Mi (8:45 P.M.)

August 26: Western frontier style show (3:30 P.M.); sightseeing trip to Sunset Trails Ranch, followed by barbecue, show, and dance (5:30 P.M.)

August 27: Business meeting; arts and crafts show by Indian weavers, silversmiths, and gem cutters (2:00 P.M.); auction; picture show "Arizona in Pictures" (7:30 P.M.); cartoon talk by Roger Manning (8:15 P.M.)

August 28: Breakfast for club representatives; committee meetings; auction; official photograph taken (noon); western tea and card party for ladies (2:30 P.M.); numismatic forum (8:30 P.M.)

August 29: Business meeting; banquet, with entertainment and dancing (7:30 P.M.)

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Dr. Stahnke's talk will be on "Poisonous Denziens of the desert", a subject on which he is an authority. He is presently engaged in experimental work on the treatment of cancer by means of various venoms, this important work being possible through a grant from the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund.

Dr. Lim will speak on the coins of China; he is an outstanding expert on this series and an internationally known lecturer. Coins illustrating his talk will be shown.

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A.N.A. MEMBERS: If you cannot attend the convention, it is suggested that you give your proxies to Mr. Panosh. His address is 4320 Del Mar Ave., San Diego 7, Calif. So don't waste your vote. That ain't democratic.

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There are a lot of good men standing for election to the A.N.A. Board of Governors; but one of them we sure want elected is Mr. Panosh.

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THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION also is getting closer all the time. That convention will be in Santa Barbara, California November 2-4, 1951.

The directors of the association, Mr. Panosh, Dr. Emmons, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Bowers, and Capt. O'Brien, have met and laid the groundwork for the event - although naturally there is a lot more work to be done before the actual date of the convention. The hotel has been selected, it being the Hotel Mar Monte, on the beach. This hotel has a large separate auditorium, designed especially for conventions, well equipped, and that is what we are to use. Accomodations are available either in the hotel building itself or in a group of very attractive and reasonably priced cottages situated on the hotel's grounds. There will be ample space for exhibits and for all activities. We are assured that the auditorium is well enough lighted for the displays - a detail which sometimes has been lacking in the past. And it's an important one.

Committeemen have been named to handle various convention features; no doubt they will need the help and cooperation of us all, so let's give it to them when they ask. The committeemen are:

General Chairman: Mr. Panosh
Local Chairman: Capt. O'Brien
Numismatic Forum: Dr. Curtis
Displays: Dr. Emmons
Bourse: Mr. Johnston
Auctioneer: Mr. Wittlin
Auction Supervisory Committee: Mr. Ostrom (chairman); Mr. Mitchell; Mr. Parker
Registrations: Mr. McArthur
Awards: Mr. Mitchell (who also will be master of ceremonies at the banquet)
Luncheon Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Galvin

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Registration fee was set at $6, this to include everything.

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The Capt. O'Brien listed above is not a military or naval captain, but is a captain of city detectives. And a detective captain should be a very handy man to have, in case you get in the soup with the constabulary for illegal parking of your car.

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Mr. Knickerbocker should appreciate this, after his experience in San Jose.

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NEW MEMBERS we welcome this month:

TUFTS, Mrs. Ann	San Diego
RODGERS, James L.	Chula Vista
WAGLER, Thomas A.	San Diego

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Not only is one of our new members from Chula Vista, but when visitors were introduced at our last meeting the first three also came from that city. So the boat from Chula Vista must have got in that night.

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The ribbons for the awards at our dinner were distributed to Mr. Knickerbocker (first), Mrs. Crouthamel (second), Mr. Walrath (third), and Mr. Crouthamel (fourth). Seems to have been somewhat of a Crouthamel family affair, what?

When Mr. Walrath got his ribbon, he said that at least that was one that he won honestly, by exhibiting his own stuff, and not someone else's. He said that a friend of his had a magnificent butterfly and other insect collection which he was too modest to show; Mr. Walrath borrowed the collection, exhibited it, and won first prize.

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Sounds kind of Communistic to us.

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At any rate, Mr. Walrath's coins are his. But they involved him in somewhat of a mix-up in chronology. Dr. Wilson's official report described them as in a "very novel" display, originated by Mr. Walrath 35 years ago. Well, can you apply the word "novel" to anything 35 years old?

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Then too, Mr. Walrath insists that he didn't collect coins at all until he was 50 years old. If that's true, and then you add another 35 years on it, that makes him 85 years old - and we don't think he is quite that old.

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If he was, we don't think that the government would have hired him - as has happened. He now is in the Public Works office at Camp Pendleton, no doubt having been put there just to keep an eye on Mr. Ward.

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We have received a note of greeting from one of our members of several years ago whom we lost due to her having moved from this area. This is Miss Marie E. Wright; she was a Grossmont High School teacher until she left to take a special college course at Berkeley. She now is in Sacramento - and she still thinks about us.

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Dr. Wallace now is a grandpappy, his daughter having given birth to a 4½ lb. baby boy - an incubator case. While the mother was quite ill for a time, we are pleased to say she now is very well again.

We don't know the baby's name yet, but we will as soon as the doc signs him up as an S.D.L.S. member, which no doubt will be in the next few days.

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But we are sorry to say that Mr. Wallace hasn't been any too well lately - and worrying about his daughter didn't help any, we suppose.

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Mr. Leuschner also hasn't been well enough to attend the last couple of meetings: he isn't in hospital, but has to go to one every few days for treatment.

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Although Mrs. MacDonald was at our last meeting, Mr. MacDonald wasn't. This was because one of the clerks in the MacDonalds' new Palace Hotel became ill, and Mr. MacDonald took over his shift.

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DISPLAYS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Mr. Boltz: Indian cents; half dollars; medals
Mr. Clark: Various U.S. coins
Mr. Johnston: A beautiful Syracuse electrum 25-litra piece of Dionysos II, 367-357 B.C.
Mr. Knickerbocker: U.S. gold; proofs; nickels; commemorative half dollars; medals
Mr. Panosh: MacArthur medals
Mr. Vigneault: Commemorative half dollars; proof sets; crowns; transportation tokens
Mr. Walrath: Proof 3¢ silver pieces in a special plastic holder
Mr. Ward: Sestertii (large bronzes) of Antoninus Pius

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Mr. Johnston kind of insulted Mr. Walrath's display. He said he thought the coins were Boltz proofs.

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For our after meeting lunch, we had three very fine cakes. We are not exactly sure who made 'em, as our gals are so modest about claiming credit. Whoever made them did a swell job - and the cakes vanished completely excepting for a few scattered crumbs.

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HIGHER MATHEMATICS DEPT. - Then serving the cakes, Mrs. Croutnamer made a painstaking job of it, as she wanted to be sure that everyone got the same sized slices. She was working so hard at the geometrical problem of getting the slices to come out in the same size and shape, that Mr. Ward handed her a scale rule.

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And then ducked the carving knife.

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Mr. Johnson is still buying the better Swedish coins wherever he can locate them, his latest purchase being 52 pieces from the Howard Gibbs collection.

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A numismatic problem confronts Mr. Johnson, and he is doing a lot of work attempting to solve it. One of his recent buys is an obsidional Russian 5-kopek piece of 1778. During that year, Sweden was at war with Russia, and struck coins exactly the same for the use of Swedish troops and Russian civilians in occupied territory. The Swedish pieces are exactly the same as the Russian, excepting for minute differences, and they are so rare that it is difficult to locate specimens for comparison. So Mr. Johnson's problem is this: is his specimen a regular Russian issue, or is it Swedish war money? If it is a Russian piece it is rare enough; but if it turns out to be the Swedish variety, it is an outstanding rarity.

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One reason for the rarity of the Swedish type is that after preparing a lot of the coins, the Swedish navy captured a Russian ship with a cargo of coins. So the Swedes used this Russian money instead of their own. A darn smart people, these old Swedes, to thus fight a war with the enemy's money; we wish we could figure out some way to do that.

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In order to help Mr. Johnson, Mr. Panosh brought all of his similar Russian coins of the same period to be compared, but none of them was the right coin. Mr. Johnson said that he had paid $50 for his

specimen, and if it turned out to be Swedish it would be worth six times that, this convincing Mr. Panosh that he had made some wonderful buys, his coins costing him 15¢ each.

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Now he's trying to figure out how to unload them on Mr. Johnson for $50.

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The way that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Panosh were up to their ears in Russian money at the meeting, they looked like a couple of Russian spies dividing money from Moscow.

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TO ARMS! THE REDCOATS ARE COMING! - Maybe it was due to the fact that the Fourth of July was on us, but anyway two of our gals did try to demonstrate the coming of the redcoats. First Mrs. Crouthamel appeared with a bright red coat, followed shortly by Mrs. Panosh with another.

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Or maybe they wore them on account of what we said several months ago about Mrs. Knickerbocker's traffic stopping red coat.

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NATURE STUDY DEPT. - As Mr. Johnston and Mrs. Devlin were driving through the outskirts of San Diego, a skunk crossed the road in front of them. "Gosh", said Mr. Johnston, "Why do you suppose the Hermit of Skunk Hollow is here now? Hi, Tom!".

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THE ECONOMIC DECLINE must be here. That poor Knickerbocker family is down to its last two Cadillacs; no longer three. The third one was given to some S.D H.S. member who wanted to make a truck out of it; for some reason neither Mr. nor Mrs. Knickerbocker will tell us who it is - but it ain't us.

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Maybe they think that if they get too much publicity about giving Cadillacs away, everyone will expect them to give them one.

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Maybe the economic decline will hit the Panosh family too, since Mrs, Panosh attended a national sorority convention in Pasadena. Mrs. Panosh was smart to get her convention in before the two numismatic conventions and so before the Panosh money ran out.

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IT'S-A-GOOD-TRICK-IF-YOU-CAN-DO-IT DEPT. - Mrs. Bowler told a story about the little boy who went in the store to price candy, and found that six sticks sold for 5¢. "Well", said this little financial genius, "if six sticks cost 5¢, five sticks would cost 4¢, four sticks 3¢, three sticks 2¢, two sticks 1¢, and one stick free. I'll take one stick, mister".

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It seems to us that we once were mixed up in a stock market deal like this back in 1929.

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And on the wrong end of the deal.

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Mr. Kabealo was introduced as a silver tongued orator, but considering that build-up, he had darn little to say. Maybe he is off the silver standard.

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We didn't know it because we weren't there; but now we learn that at the dinner, toy baloons were distributed. Just another manifestation of inflation, we suppose.

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For the benefit of those who missed the dinner, Mr. Crouthamel played back the recordings on his mechanical stool pigeon. When Mr. Knickerbocker's record was on, you could hear a lot of rumbling and clanking in the background. As he was talking about proofs, no doubt that was merely the sound of the coin presses banging out the proofs he talked about.

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Mr. Goldman's speech was somewhat broken up; but then it was perfectly all right for it to be in fractions, because it was about fractional currency.

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Maundy money was Mr. Vigneault's subject. Then he

concluded his talk by saying he never saw any. So perhaps he got his information from a heavy duty ouija board or an over sized crystal ball.

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Mrs. Panosh said she started collecting orders and decorations with a view of specializing in Spanish ones - and then went on to speak of her Finnish, Russian, and Japanese specimens. Spain sure has spread, ain't it?

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When Mr. Boltz spoke, he prefaced his remarks by saying that he was the treasurer of the club, but so far had not received one cent. That's the trouble with bankers; always dragging sordid money matters into the conversation.

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Mr. MacDonald told a sad story. He said he once had a U.S. collection which he used for making change in an emergency. We sure thought that Scotchmen were better than that at hanging on to money.

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Col. Newton spoke on the Pine Tree Shilling, and his speech came very plain and outspoken. But then it should be. Any of us who did time in the services know how outspoken colonels can get.

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Lots of times we disagreed with colonels, but we always were too polite to say so. This is what is known as "military courtesy".

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But even when you handle colonels with kid gloves, there is a limit to what they can take. Like the time that Col. DeWitt gave up a whole section of his command, just because it had Mr. Ward in it.

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However, we were surprised at the way Mr. Crouthamel choked off the speeches of Mr. Johnston and Dr. Wallace. This shows a lamentable disregard for free speech.

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Mr. Johnson had an exhibit at the San Diego County

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Fair again - Swedish coins including plate money, Swiss coins, U.S. commemorative half dollars, his two coin ships, and a coin lamp.

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He was too bashful to tell us about this, but Mrs. Bowler spilled the beans.

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Also, Mr. Johnson has written an article for us, "Why I Collect Swedish Coins" and this will appear in the Bulletin in the near future.

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We have a brilliant idea as to how to solve the problem of insufficient illumination at coin displays. We shall paint our coins with phosphorescent paint.

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Well, anyway if that idea ain't brilliant, it's at least phosphorescent.

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S.D.N.S. members always come to the top everywhere. Mr. Petersen now is president of the Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association.

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And we even expect one of our S.D.N.S. members to be president of the A.N.A. next year. We mean Col. Moss.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 10 at Dartlee Hall, 3860 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif. Program in charge of Dr. Wallace. Please note the changed meeting date to miss the Labor Day holiday.

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - Perhaps this Bulletin will reach you just before the opening of this convention in Phoenix, Arizona, so we once more urge you to attend if possible. All indications are that it will be a very fine one - the national conventions always are, and this will be special inasmuch as it is the Diamond Jubilee of the association. It being so close to San Diego, many of us should be able to go. We hope you will, even though you may make up your mind at this last moment. However if you are not going and you are an A.N.A. member, please give your voting proxy to Mr. Panosh. He will make good use of it.

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Then the next convention in our area will be that of the California State Numismatic Association in Santa Barbara, November 2-4. This too will be a good show. The C.S.N.A. conventions provide opportunities for collectors in California and neighboring states to get together. All the regular convention activities are featured - exhibits with awards, auctions, talks by prominent numismatists, entertainment of various kinds, and in short, everything to make interesting and educational sessions.
We will keep you posted on the plans. Meanwhile make your own plans - to attend. You'll never regret giving the few necessary days.

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At our last meeting Mr. Panosh and Mr. Johnston spoke briefly on further developments in plans for the C.S.N.A. convention. On November 2 there will be

a numismatic program in charge of Mr. Bergen; on November 3 a board meeting, auction, judging of exhibits, and banquet; on November 4 a business meeting, auction, and lunch. It was emphasized again that the facilities at the Hotel Mar Monte are unusually fine for a numismatic convention.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Mr. Johnson: Many of his Swedish rarities in new frames, made of plastic and copper, and reversible

Mr. Johnston: Proof dollars, including trade dollars; Gobrecht dollar; uncirculated 1911-D cent; Bryan "dollar"; new Mexican peso; set of Japanese koban replicas

Mr. Knickerbocker: Commemorative half dollars; U.S. proof sets; British 1950 proof set

Dr. Wallace: Commemorative half dollars; large and small cents; various U.S. and foreign coins

Mr. White: A Chinese coin novelty described below

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The coins shown by Mr. Johnson in the new frames were his rarest pieces, only a very few specimens of some of them being known. Of one piece, there were only six struck; of another only a single specimen is known, etc.

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Mr. White, we are very glad to say, now is back from Korea and out of the Marine Corps, although he is still on reserve. We were extremely pleased to see him and Mrs. White at the meeting. The coin novelty he showed us is a peculiar one, and no one seems to know exactly what it is. He picked it up in Korea, although it is made of Chinese coins.
It consists of a frame approximately 6" x 9", filled solid with Chinese "cash" fastened edge to edge, the whole being topped with an Oriental design of dragons, etc. From these coins depend many long strings of similar pieces, on long variously colored silk ribbons. A very large number of coins go to its

composition, and they are very varied, being of different provinces and/or periods; some of them are joined together just as they were cast.
The guess was hazarded that it might be something in the nature of a talisman

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Mr. Johnston's koban replicas were realistic reproductions of these very rare Japanese pieces. They are of various shapes - rectangular, oval, and so on.

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow wanted one of the large flat ones to repair a leak in the top of his car, but was refused by Mr. Johnston. No cooperation, we calls it.

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Mr. White apologized for being late with his dues; but we can readily understand that he was somewhat occupied with other matters while he was in Korea. He didn't have much time for numismatics while he was scooting around in the Korean mountains.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

MALOWHEY, Henry	San Diego
CLARK, W. W.	La Jolla

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For entertainment at the last meeting, Mr. Panosh put on a numismatic quiz, with three "experts" to answer questions. Mr. Vigneault, Mr. White, and Mr. Ward were the goats selected to give the answers. Statements regarding certain coins were made, and from them the group was supposed to identify the coin to which they applied.

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Prior to the quiz, Mr. Panosh spoke on the metal, nickel, gaving various facts about it and its use in coinage.

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For part of the refreshments after the meeting, we had fruit punch, prepared (with some difficulties) by Mrs. Knickerbocker. She had a heck of a time getting the right proportions of the various

ingredients, and chased Mr. Ward out to buy additional supplies of various fruit juices. She had to speak to him very strongly to keep him from getting things like sauerkraut juice or spinach juice.

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Mrs. Knickerbocker also stuck Mr. Ward with the job of cutting the ice for the punch; and we can't see why she selected him when her own husband is an ice expert. In case you don't know it, Mr. Knickerbocker once owned an ice plant and made his living as an iceman. However, we must say it is difficult for us to visualize Mr. Knickerbocker carrying a 50-pound hunk of ice on his shoulders to various back doors to peddle it. He ain't got the build for that kind of job no more. Although maybe it would help him to reduce.

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We don't know why he quit the ice business. Maybe he got frozen out.

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We were glad to see Mrs. Dixon at the meeting; she had been east for several weeks. She reports that the Philadelphia mint now is closed to visitors, although she was able to visit the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank.
She tried all across the country to get 1950-D nickels, without success.

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However, she did pick up an 1859 dollar, holed, and with "To Kate" engraved on it. Now she is trying to find someone named Kate to present with it.

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We are afraid that the original Kate must be a rather old gal by this time.

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Mr. Leuschner too was at the meeting, and we were pleased that he is again well enough to make the trip to San Diego. He still has to report at the hospital once a week, though.

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WHY I COLLECT SWEDISH COINS

By Emil Johnson

As I have broken a front tooth, I consider myself half competent to write.

I have collected coins for a long time I had a whole cigar box full, which I used to show to my friends. Their value ran into the thousands! Well, one day I decided to call in an expert to find out.

He spread them all out. Going through them he reminded me of a mother hen with chicks. After he got through, he said one word: "Junk!".

It was a hard blow, as some of those pieces cost me as much as two bits. I had some slipped me for quarters. And me being honest didn't have the nerve to slip them further, so I became a collector.

"Now", says the expert, "Why don't you collect U.S. coins? Take dollars, for instance". "Well", I said, "I've been trying to collect them since 1902 but they don't stay collected". Then he said: "Get some good ones and you will keep them". So he pulls out a shiny highly polished dollar and said it was a good one. So I got the dollar, but won't tell what I paid for it (my wife, you know).

Next I went and showed this dollar to a double expert - after this listed as 2X for short. You need shortening when you sell coins; makes them raise faster.

Well, he looked my dollar over and said "Yes, it's good. The seller was honest, although 'fair' would come closer". Then he started to count the tailfeathers of the eagle; seemed some were missing or something. As I have never been close enough to an eagle to count its tailfeathers and don't intend to (he might reverse the counting) I let it go at that. This 2X gave me a hint that they have dollar slot machines at Las Vegas. Then he says, "Why don't you collect gold?" And he shows me a gold dollar. On this there was no tailfeathers to get mixed up with and he said it was a proof - but didn't say what it proved. Anyhow I got it. Since then I found out that you prove to the seller you don't know anything. He

probably knew that already.
Then I took the gold dollar to a triple expert - 3X. He looked at it through his glass and said it had hair lines. Well, I could see without glasses that he was holding it upside down, so he probably mistook the hair for whiskers. But who was I to argue with a 3X man?
In the mrantime I got hold of a gustav Vasa crown of 1542. There were no tailfeathers to worry about. Nor any hairline - hair and whiskers grew together all in one bush. If there is a hairline on top of his head, nobody can prove it. And I dare anyone to tell me any whiskers are missing. So until I find out what's missing, I shall keep on collecting Swedish coins.

- Old Man Johnson

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The above article by Mr. Johnson gives us an idea of how to get other Bulletin articles from the rest of you. He says he wrote it while he was laid up with a broken tooth; so all we have to do is to knock out some of your teeth, and while you are recuperating, you can write something.

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Let's see now; who shall we begin with?

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Why Mr. Panosh didn't get a scab on the nose in the course of our last meeting is something we can't understand. He had a nickel that he showed to various members, and when they bent over it to examine it, it squirted a small stream of water in their faces. He got an unusually loud yell from Mrs. MacDonald.

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Mr. Crouthamel suggested the establishment of a kind of clearing bureau for coins; that is, for him to be advised by the members of what coins they need and have been unable to locate, and perhaps some other member would have them. To this proposal, Dr. Wallace added the suggestion that lists of such coins be placed on a bulletin board in our hall.

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LOST, A STAMP ALBUM by Mr. Vigneault. He doesn't

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remember where he misplaced it, but thinks it might have been during our July meeting. If anyone found it, he would be very grateful to hear from them. The album contains the later U.S. stamps.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The October 19 meeting of this organization will be at the home of Mr. Charles E. McGinnis, 224½ South Catalina St., Los Angeles. Mr. McGinnis will speak on "Marius and Sulla".

At the July meeting, Dr. Archer gave a very fine talk on Jewish coins and manuscripts, illustrating it with appropriate specimens.

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This Bulletin is a little skimpier than usual, but we are trying to get it out to you before leaving for the A.N.A. convention. Next month you'll get a full sized edition again - if you can stand it.

Your editor is going to Phoenix with Dr. Wilson in his car, and so won't have to jump a freight this time.

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So we hope we'll see you in Phoenix August 25-29; and also in Santa Barbara November 2-4. Now we have to quit to pack our other shirt.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 1 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION - The Diamond Jubilee (60th year) convention of the A.N.A. was held in Phoenix, Arizona, and it was a very fine event indeed. Many extremely fine coins were beautifully displayed, first class numismatic talks and other entertainment were provided, and everything was done to ensure the visitors having a good time. Among the coins exhibited were numerous outstanding rarities.

We cannot report the convention in detail here, nor is that necessary, because full details will be published in the "Numismatist" as usual. So we will just make a few remarks - perhaps including some on the flippant side - and especially list the displays, this being what we have always considered one of the most important features of conventions.

The Phoenix Coin Club, the host club, is to be congratulated on the way convention activities were arranged, and problems dealt with. Among so many who worked so hard perhaps it is unfair to single out one single man for mention: but we can't help saying that if one man is to be praised, that man is Mr. V. Leon Belt. He certainly was the pilot of the whole convention - and we say this in no disparagement whatever of the work of others. They all did good.

At this writing we do not have accurate registration figures; but these will appear in the "Numismatist" anyway.

It was in a sense unfortunate that the worst storm that southwestern Arizona has had for years hit that area on the evening of the second day of the convention, and continued for three days. But such things can't be helped - unless you think that the Phoenix Coin Club should have had more influence with the

local weatherman. The club members and other Phoenecians (natives of Phoenix; not Phoenicia) had to take a lot of kidding about the "unusual" weather. It sure did rain; the streets were full of water, and it ran over the sidewalks and to the wall of the hotel. It was worse in some nearby places, but it was bad enough in Phoenix.

Dress of the visitors was extremely informal. It ran from cowboy costumes and overalls to Hawaiian shirts. The Hawaiian shirt was a favorite, and to look at those worn by Mr. Panosh and others, smoked glasses were almost necessary. The Russian motif was furnished by Dr. Wilson and other guests who wore their shirts outside of their pants. The Hermit of Skunk Hollow looked like a bum; but of course this was nothing unusual. On the other hand, Mr. Fraser came in for severe criticism for appearing in his black-and-white evening outfit; and Mr. Smedley was threatened with a jail sentence for dressing too good.

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The 1952 convention will be in New York City. Dallas, Texas asked for the 1953 meeting; and Long Beach, California for one some time in the next few years. Of course the places for these later conventions will have to be decided at a future date.

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OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE COMING YEAR ARE:

PRESIDENT: Col. Moss
1st VICE PRESIDENT: Dr. Judd
2nd VICE PRESIDENT: Col. Curtis
SECRETARY: Mr. Reagan
TREASURER: Mr. Klein
BOARD OF GOVERNORS: Capt. Dodson; Mr. Ryan; Mr. Panosh; Mr. Shroyer; Mr. Morris

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Looks like a pretty good bunch to us, and we have no misgivings about another very successful A.N.A. year with these people at the helm.

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We use that expression "at the helm" especially for Capt. Dodson, who is a U.S. Navy captain.

CONVENTION EXHIBITS:

YEOMAN, R. S.: "Milestones" - a series of coins, with their histories, from earliest times to the present (NUMISMATIC GALLERY TROPHY FOR BEST EXHIBIT IN THE SHOW: FIRST AWARD FOR MOST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT)

WARD, Thomas W.: Silver denarii of the Roman Republic (SECOND AWARD FOR BEST EXHIBIT IN THE SHOW: FIRST AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

WILSON, Dr. Ray H.: Silver and copper coins of colonial Mexico and the early Republic; hacienda tokens; pre-Columbian Aztec money; Spanish 8-real pieces cut and counterstamped for use in various countries (THIRD AWARD FOR BEST EXHIBIT IN THE SHOW: FIRST AWARD FOR FOREIGN COINS)

SCHEMERHORN, Bob: $1 and $3 gold pieces complete; 124 gold eagles from 1795; 28 sets of gold of China and South and Central America; a $10,000 Treasury note (FIRST AWARD FOR U.S. COINS: HONORABLE MENTION FOR FOREIGN COINS)

BROWN, Earl C.: Groups of coins illustrating the coinage of various nations and periods, as Greek, Roman, U.S., English tokens, early American and West Indian, counterstamps, foreign paper, medals, etc. (FIRST AWARD FOR ORIGINALITY)

PANOSH, Mrs. Anna: Foreign medals, decorations and orders (FIRST AWARD FOR MEDALS)

PHILPOTT, W. A. Jr.: U.S. paper money, including very many rare and unusual pieces (FIRST AWARD FOR PAPER MONEY)

SCOTT, Gus: Commemorative half dollars (FIRST AWARD FOR JUNIORS)

FRASER, Vreeland H.: Many U.S. proofs, including the 1896 Flying Eagle cent, 1897 $4 Stella and other gold proofs (SECOND AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

DeNISE, Mrs. Gene: French Revolutionary coins, medals, and paper money (SECOND AWARD FOR ORIGINALITY)

RUSSELL, E. Ward: Swiss coins, of the cantons and the Federation (SECOND AWARD FOR FOREIGN COINS)

PANOSH, Leone C.: Medals of the Medallist Society (SECOND AWARD FOR MEDALS)

KLEIN, Arthur M.: Clearinghouse notes; silver assay bars up to 55.66 ounces (SECOND AWARD FOR PAPER MONEY: HONORABLE MENTION FOR U.S.)

CURTIS, Col. James W.: Ancient Egyptian coins, of both the Ptolemaic and Imperial periods; Egyptian curios, such as amulets, mummy cloth, etc. (SECOND AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

SAXTON, Burton H.: Groups of coins of various rulers, ancient to modern, each group being assembled around a picture of the ruler concerned (SECOND AWARD FOR MOST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT)

WARRATH, Louis G.: A large plastic frame of nickels, designed as a U.S. flag; $3 gold complete; many proofs in fine plastic holders, as trade dollars, 2¢ and 20¢ pieces, etc.; an 1873-CC dime with arrows in fine condition, but pierced centrally with a large hole, so that instead of being worth about $200 it is worth about 10¢ (THIRD AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

ZASTROW, Fred W.: Various coins in a new type of display board, the coins being framed in plastic and surrounded by ornamental iron work (THIRD AWARD FOR ORIGINALITY)

BROOKS, Mrs. Emily L.: Danish coins from ancient times to the present; Danish colonial coins (THIRD AWARD FOR FOREIGN COINS)

KOPICKI, I. T.; Lincoln medals and campaign badges; uncut paper money (THIRD AWARD FOR MEDALS)

CAREY, Michael P.: Imperial Roman bronzes, mostly sestertii (large bronzes) (THIRD AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

DODSON, Capt. Oscar H.: Stone money of the Island of Yap, with photographs of island scenes and customs (THIRD AWARD FOR MOST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT)

HOFFECKER, L. W.: Mexican gold from colonial to

modern times; Swedish plate money (HONORABLE MENTION FOR FOREIGN COINS)

CAHN, Melvin and Paul: Crowns of the German States, with a large showing of Saxony; silver of the Holy Roman Empire, including a large series of Leopold "Hognouth" (HONORABLE MENTION FOR FOREIGN COINS)

SHELDON, M. Vernon: A.N.A. convention badges (HONORABLE MENTION FOR MEDALS)

SMEDLEY, Glenn B.: Freaks and mis-strikes (HONORABLE MENTION FOR MOST EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT)

BOOSEL, Harry X.: Silk scarves with reproductions of foreign paper money

COOLEY, Fred J.: Crowns; commemorative half dollars; U.S. type set in all metals

DRAPER, Fred E.: U.S. gold, including many rare pieces and an unusually fine series of gold dollars

ECKLUND, O. P. (deceased): Large display of Conder and other English tokens, especially those bearing on U.S. history; British patterns; Dutch colonial coins; siege pieces and other emergency money; books and articles written by him

GETTYS, Loyd B.: $20 gold pieces grouped by the presidents under whom they were issued

McDERMOTT, J. V.: 1913 Liberty Head nickel; Confederate pattern cent and half dollar restrike; 1876-CC 20¢ piece uncirculated; 1915 cent struck in gold; 1859 cent struck in silver; Pine Tree shilling; many other U.S. rarities

MERTES, Bill: Photographs of some unique sheets of perforated fractional currency

REIGAN, Lewis M.: German porcelain coins; coins showing portraits of famous women

WYNN, C.H.: 26 varieties of New Orleans municipal bonds which circulated as money

WERNER, Louis S.: 1805 dollar; rare $20 New York bill with unusual signature

WREDE, Harry T.: California pioneer gold

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This list does not by any means completely describe the displays. It is simply impossible for us to do that in our space. So all we did was to list what seemed to us to be the outstanding features of each exhibit, although practically all of them contained many fine pieces which deserve detailed descriptions.

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The San Diego Numismatic Society did right well for itself with awards. Three firsts, two seconds, and one third, besides the second and third best in the show is darn good for one little coin club. We have always got our share - or maybe more than our share - of awards at exhibits; so join the S.D.N.S. now, and be sure of getting an award next time coins are shown anywhere.

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Maybe it's a good thing that there weren't some more S.D.N.S. exhibits, or no one else might have got anything.

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Even the man who won the grand trophy for the best in the show, Mr. Yeoman, has announced his intention of joining the S.D.N.S. He realizes that prize winners belong in this organization.

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Mr. Walrath claims that he did NOT drill the hole in his 1873-CC dime. Otherwise we would have thought he wanted to use it for a washer, or something.

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The very nice trophy for the best display in the show was donated by the Numismatic Gallery; so were the award ribbons. Thanks, Abe and Abner. The prizes for second and third best were, respectively, a $2.50 gold piece and a gold dollar, donated by Mr. R. O. Green of Chicago, and we want to thank him too.

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Besides the displays being of beautiful material, it seemed to us that they were much better arranged and described than formerly. We especially note an increased use of plastic in various colors for frames and backgrounds, and many exhibitors had gone to

considerable trouble to carefully and thoroughly label their displays; others improved them by the use of various auxiliary material, such as photographs and other pictures, articles related to the coins, as the Egyptian relics of Col. Curtis, etc.

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THE S.D.N.S. DELEGATION AT THE CONVENTION:

Mr. Bouchard	Col. Moss
Sgt. Coffing	Mr. Panosh
Mr. Fraser	Mrs. Panosh
Mrs. Fraser	Mr. Parker
Mr. Jensen	Mr. Petersen
Mr. Johnson	Mrs. Petersen
Mr. Johnston	Mr. Powills
Mr. Kabealo	Mr. Tvedt
Mrs. Kabealo	Mr. Walrath
Mr. Kosoff	Mrs. Walrath
Mr. Lee	Mr. Ward
Mrs. Lee	Dr. Wilson

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Did we overlook anybody? If so we apologize to them in advance.

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In case it looks funny to you for us to include people like Col. Moss and Mr. Powills in the San Diego delegation, the answer is that they are S.D.N.S. members just the same, regardless of the distance they live from San Diego.

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But we missed several of our regular hardened conventioneers. For instance, the Knickerbockers and the Wallace-Chamberlain clan. Mr. Crouthamel had hoped to fly to the convention for at least a couple of days, but didn't make it. It's vacation time at Mr. Crouthamel's store; so we suppose the boss had to stick at work while his employees had vacations. If so, that must be paternalism in business, or something.

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Now that we have elected two colonels and a naval captain among the new A.N.A. officers, we seem to be

getting a kind of military-naval flavor. Perhaps that is due to the fact that a Marine sergeant, Sgt. Coffing, was one of the ballot counters.

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Speaking of Sgt. Coffing, Mr. Sheldon made a slight military boner when he introduced him as Sgt. Coffing of the U. S. ARMY. The sergeant immediately squawked out "MARINE CORPS!". Being once a Marine, we know exactly the reaction a Marine gets when he is placed in the army

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There was not much "heavy" business at the business sessions. However Col. Moss reported on the progress of the commemorative Pine Tree shilling project, and said that despite opposition from Mrs. Ross of the mint and others, he was confident there were good prospects of its approval by the Banking and Currency committee. The colonel also mentioned the remarkable lack of knowledge concerning this coin. He had spoken to the congressional representative from Boston, and this man knew nothing about the Pine Tree shilling, although it certainly should be a matter of more or less common knowledge in Massachusetts.

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The only resolution which raised any discussion was one proposing that no one be elected president or 1st vice president unless he had previously served on the board of governors. Action on this was postponed for one year.

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Among the pamphlets, booklets, etc. given to the visitors, were several Mexican revolutionary notes. Next time let's make it Roman coins.

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We were pleased to find the exhibit room adequately lighted. The hotel had strung about 50 powerful globes at 9-foot intervals over the whole ceiling, to supplement the regular lights. In fact, the lighting system was so good that after the convention Mr. Francis bought the whole works to be used at California State Numismatic Association conventions.

On the bus trip to the barbecue, Dr. Wilson had an heck of a time getting his seat adjusted the way he wanted it. Does he have the same trouble adjusting his dentist's chair for his patients?

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Anyway, we had a chance to observe the doc's dental technique at first hand (or first mouth). On the way back from the convention, Dr. Wilson and your editor ate lunch at Blythe, and while gnawing a candy bar for dessert, we busted a front tooth. So when we got to San Diego that evening, the doc opened his office and removed the ruins for us.

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That was kind of a dirty trick for us to play on the doc; here he wanted to get away from professional worries for a week - and then we wished a busted tooth on him.

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Maybe all this was retribution on us for joking about Mr. Johnson's broken tooth last month, and threatening to knock out your front teeth so you would write Bulletin articles.

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Regarding the barbecue, when we got in the busses for the trip to Mesa the sky was very black in the west, and there was wind. That was the beginning of the storm, and it hit just as we arrived at the ranch where the party was to be held. You can figure out for yourselves the results of trying to serve an outdoor barbecue in the rain. Mr. Belt told us all to go back in the busses and that we would be served there; we did that, but presently the rain slacked off temporarily so we were able to rush out, grab the food, and rush back in the busses to eat it. The food was excellent, and it's a shame the thing got messed up that way.

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Other entertainment was on the program for that party but of course had to be called off. However, it was given later in the hotel.

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There were six big buses of us, and as we rolled along the highway all the natives stared at us. Maybe they thought we were a convoy of convicts on our way to the State Prison at Florence.

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Mr. Parish was not stuck with the registrations this time. But that doesn't mean that he wasn't busy. He always gets a lot to do - the willing horse, you know.

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Mr. Johnston, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Jensen, who drove to Phoenix together, were delayed several hours near Gila Bend by the storm. They didn't get stuck in the mud, but cars ahead of them did, so they had to wait until the cripples were removed.

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When you say those three names, Johnston, Johnson, and Jensen together, they sound kind of poetic or alliterative or something.

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The convention was opened by Governor Howard Pyle of Arizona.

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Mr. Johnson was delighted to pick up an extremely rare coin at the bourse; he believes it is the only specimen in this country, and there are very few anywhere. It is a taler of Axel Oxenstierna struck in Augsburg while the Swedish army was in Germany during the Thirty Years' War and while Oxenstierna was in command after the death of Gustav Adolf.

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At the auction, Mr. Walrath bought a lot of half dimes, one lot after another. Mrs. Walrath walked out of the auction; we guess she just couldn't bear to see Mr. Walrath spending so much of the family's funds on coins.

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Two S.D.N.S. members wrote papers for the convention. Dr. Wilson wrote on the colonial coins of Mexico, and Mr. Ward on the Roma heads on early Roman coins.

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While introducing the speakers of the numismatic forum, Capt. Dodson told about once addressing the inmates of a lunatic asylum. What do you suppose the skipper was getting at; that speaking to lunatics was good practice for addressing coin collectors?

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The forum had five very good speakers, as follows:

Mrs. Brooks on the pleasures of coin collecting, with special emphasis on the coins of Denmark; the connections of coins with heraldry, history, geography, economics, etc.

Mr. Wormser on the formation of the "International Association of Professional Numismatists" founded in Switzerland May 11-14, and what this organization can mean to all numismatists, dealers or collectors.

Mr. Smedley on the Newell Visual Educational program; that is, the projection slides and lectures available to interested groups. His talk was illustrated by sample slides of ancient Greek coins and Confederate money.

Mrs. DeWise on English Conder and other tokens, pointing out their use for propaganda purposes, and especially the connection of some with early U.S. history.

Mr. Reagan on the human equation in classical numismatics; that is, the relationship of coins to people. He also touched on the portraits of famous women on coins.

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At the banquet, various presentations were made. That old friend of everyone's, Mr. Carey, was presented with the gold medal for 50 years of membership in the A.N.A., and a number of silver 25-year medals also were given. The National Coin Week and Heath Literary awards were made. A gold medal was given to Mr. Sheldon for outstanding service.

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Everyone's congratulations and best wishes went to Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan, who got married during the convention. But speaking as a bachelor of many years' standing, if we had known that things like that

could happen to you at conventions, we wouldn't have gone.

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Col. Moss got so many errands assigned to him at the banquet that we wonder if we elected him as president or as errand boy.

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When admiration was expressed for Mrs. Panosh's hand bag, she said that Mr. Panosh had given it to her in 1939. Don't you think it's about time he bought her a new one?

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Don't ever let anyone know you have any talent or ability. Mr. Powi'l's can play the piano and sing, so he got the bee put on him to do both.

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Anybody want to sell a gold brick? Try Mr. Johnston. He bought a silver brick of 69 ounces; and anyone who would buy a silver brick should be a natural customer for a gold brick.

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In his talk at the business session, Mr. Brainard referred to the wives of members as their "silent partners". Was he thinking of Mrs. Brainard?

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Anyway, Mrs. Brainard worked on the registrations, and you couldn't expect her to keep silent on that job.

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Nor anywhere else, either.

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She complained to Dr. Wilson that she had not received the Bulletin since the Brainards moved several months ago. We are sorry to learn that their rent came due.

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The convention was Mr. Kappen's last fling before keeping a date with his Uncle Samuel. Beginning in September, he will be Major Kappen, U.S. Army (not Marine Corps).

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The Hermit of Skunk Hollow all along thought it was the Westward Whoa!

Back on page 1 we said we weren't going to give details of the convention; but we seem to have said a lot anyway. Ain't we gabby? But now we gotta start in on some S.D.N.S. dope.

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At our last meeting, Mrs. Panosh showed her foreign orders and decorations which had won first award at Phoenix, as well as some new ones she obtained while there. She explained the various pieces, telling their histories and uses, and also how many of them came into her possession. She began by buying a Mexican Order of Guadlupe from Mrs. Lee who had worn it as a dress decoration; Mrs. Panosh thought it looked swell, so she got it. She stated that she collected orders on rather an unscientific basis, in that she chose her specimens for their beauty and possible use as costume jewelry. When she wears one of them, she frequently has it commented on by perfect strangers. One of her favorites is the Russian Order of St. Anna, because it is named after her (or maybe she is named after it). Several of her Japanese decorations were obtained from our Naval member, HMC Meier, who has been in the Korean war zone for a long time now.

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Mrs. Panosh said that when she first started collecting, her first specimen had a tattered, beat-up ribbon. She thought "What do I want with that dirty old thing?", and threw it away. Subsequently she found out that the ribbon was rarer than the medal.

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Thus we live and learn.

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Mrs. Panosh also said that the ruby center of her Order of the Rising Sun was so brilliant that when she wore it, it sometimes cast a red reflection. A very convenient thing to wear so you won't get hit by a car, eh?

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Besides Mrs. Panosh's display, there were not many exhibits that night for some reason. However Mr. Johnston showed some very fine gold aurei of Vespas-

ian, Titus, and Domitian; Spanish gold; the Festival of Britain crown and other British proofs; 1950 Papal sets; and ancient Greek coins.

Mr. Knickerbocker showed a Moffat $5 gold piece; an 1883 nickel with reeded edge; U.S. gold; fractional currency; and medals.

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

KOCH, Jack R.	San Diego
HAUSEN, Mrs. Vera	" "

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Mrs. Hausen is the secretary of one of our other recently joined members, Mr. Malomney. She was unfortunate enough to lose a set of keys at our meeting; if anyone found them, she would be grateful for their return.

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The lemons for the lemonade served at our meeting were picked by Mrs. Panosh from the Panosh lemon trees.

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When Mrs. Devlin arrived at the meeting, there was a loud sound of police sirens outside. She must have made it just in time.

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Mr. Crouthamel's parents came from Pennsylvania to attend the meeting. Well anyway they came from Pennsylvania, and were there.

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Mrs. Bowler suggested that maybe they came out west just to check up on how their son conducts meetings.

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We are pleased to report that Mr. Vigneault found his lost stamp album, it having been misplaced in his home.

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Dr. and Mrs. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain are on the road up north. They plan to tour through considerable of the northwest, including Canada.

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And Mr. and Mrs. Crouthamel are going up in the San Jacinto Mountain region.

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DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER BULLETIN: October 10

NOTICE TO BOTH OF OUR READERS: Your editor will be away from home for the rest of this month and the first couple of weeks in October, so will miss the next meeting. Therefore we will depend on all of you to let us know what happens at the meeting, the latest scandal, etc. If you don't tell us these things, you will get a skinny Bulletin next time.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS next meeting will be at the home of Mr. Charles McGinnis, 224½ So. Catalina St., Los Angeles on October 19. Mr. McGinnis will speak on "Marius and Sulla". At the August meeting Prof. Todd gave a very fine talk on the incuse coins of the Greek colonies in Italy. He discussed the puzzling problem of why these coins are of such different fabric from other contemporary Greek coins, and described the different theories put forth to account for this. Prof. Todd's talk was illustrated by specimens from his own collection and that of Mr. Stanton.

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Just a passing mention: remember the California State Numismatic Association convention will be in Santa Barbara, November 2-4.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 5 at Dartlee Hall, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.
PROGRAM: Dr. Wilson on "Mexican Coinage 1536-1821"

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION will be held at the Mar Monte Hotel, Santa Barbara, November 2-4. This will be the last Bulletin you will receive before those dates, so here is the latest word on the program.

REGISTRATION begins at 2:30 P.M., November 2. The registration fee is $6 which will include badge, banquet, luncheon, etc. Optional is a charge of $2 for the badge, which will admit the wearer to all the activities excepting banquet and luncheon.

EXHIBITS are in charge of Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, Emmons Bldg., Ontario, Calif., to whom application should be made for the use of display cases. The tentative allotment of cases is two to each exhibitor, with additional cases to be granted if available after all exhibitors have two. A charge of 50¢ each will be made for the use of cases. Displays will be divided into the following classes, and first, second, and third award ribbons will be given in each class:

United States	Currency
Foreign	Medals and Decorations
Ancient	Junior and Novice Exhibits

Dealers' Exhibits

It will be noticed that the last two classes are new ones added this time. We believe that they are justified, as this will make it possible for juniors to have a chance at awards without the necessity of their competing with adults. Novices are to be considered as those who have only collected for a very short time. The dealer class is to enable dealers to compete for awards without their competition being too rough on the ordinary collector who draws his exhibit from his collection, and not from a large

stock.

THE BOURSE will be in charge of Mr. Eugene D. Johnston, 1006 Broadway, San Diego 1, Calif. If you want selling space, please get in touch with Mr. Johnston at once. The charge for bourse space is $10 per table, this including the use of two cases.

ENTERTAINMENT: At this writing we do not have final entertainment plans. However it will be conducted by Mr. Herbert M. Bergen, in whom we have the fullest confidence, and we know it will be good.

THE AUCTION will be conducted by Mr. Paul H. Wittlin, with Mr. Ralph A. Mitchell acting as auctioneer. The auction sessions will begin at 2:00 P.M. on both November 3 and 4.

BUSINESS MEETINGS begin in the morning of November 4 with the exact time not yet set.

LUNCHEON at noon, November 4.

BANQUET in the evening of November 3.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS should be made directly with the Mar Monte Hotel, Santa Barbara, Calif. Double rooms $8 per day. Bungalow rooms are available at $3.50 per person per day, provided the entire bungalow with a capacity of three or four persons is filled.

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CONVENTION CHAIRMEN:

GENERAL CHAIRMAN: Mr. Leonel C. Panosh
REGISTRATION CHAIRMAN: Mr. R. G. McArthur
EXHIBITS: Dr. Calvert L. Emmons
BOURSE: Mr. Eugene D. Johnston
ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM: Mr. Herbert Bergen
BANQUET MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Mr. Ralph A. Mitchell
LOCAL CHAIRMAN: Capt. J. J. O'Brien
AWARDS: Dr. N. A. Bowers

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OUR LAST MEETING - the 173rd - was called to order by Dr. Wilson in the absence of Mr. Crouthamel. We are sorry to say that the reason for Mr. Crouthamel's absence was illness, but we understand that he has entirely recovered now. Anyway, we sure hope so. Past President Panosh was named President pro tem, and so presided at the meeting.

We had more visitors than usual, some of them from quite a distance. Among them were Dr. and Mrs. Lewis of Chicago, guests of Mrs. Bowler; Mrs. Saxauer, mother of Mrs. Chamberlain; Mrs. Howarth, a guest of Mrs. Panosh; and Mr. Raymond Roberts, one of Mr. Johnston's.

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A letter from Lt. Enders was read; the lieutenant now is back in this country, but we are extremely sorry to learn the reason for his return. His letter follows:

Dear Dr. Wilson:

This is to inform you and all the members of the San Diego Numismatic Society that I have returned to the United States from the Philippines.

We are now living at 519 E. 94th St., Seattle 5, Washington, and I am on duty with the Military Sea Transportation Service, North Pacific Area, in Seattle, Washington.

Our recent return to the United States was because my youngest son Randall (Randy), age four, contracted bulbar polio out in the Philippines and is in serious condition at the Children's Orthopedic Hospital here in Seattle after a hectic emergency flight of some 7800 miles.

We hope to join you all again some day; until then remember our son Randy in your prayers.

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It goes without saying that we all hope and pray for a speedy and complete recovery of the little Enders boy, and our deep sympathy goes out to the lieutenant and Mrs. Enders in their time of affliction.

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DISPLAYS AT OUR LAST MEETING were kind of scarce; what's the matter? Even Mr. Johnston didn't show anything, which is decidedly unusual. The displays we did have were as follows -- they all were good, but we would have liked more:

Mr. Boltz: U.S. silver and copper
Sgt. Coffing: British Festival set; large display of recent British and Canadian coins, proof and uncirculated
Mr. Knickerbocker: U.S. gold and silver
Dr. Wallace: Various U.S. and foreign coins

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

COFFING, C. L., Sgt., U.S.M.C. Camp Pendleton
MALOWNEY, Jimmy H. San Diego

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Sgt. Coffing has long been a welcome guest at our meetings, and finally joined. But we are afraid that we won't have him long now. He expects to be discharged from the Marine Corps in a few months, and then will go back east.

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Jimmy Malowney is our newest junior member, the son of Mr. Malowney.

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A lot of catalogs and other numismatic literature was donated by Mr. Panosh and auctioned off by him at the meeting. The $6 raised thereby went to our convention fund.

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Mr. Panosh spoke on the coming C.S.N.A. convention at Santa Barbara, and Mr. Walrath tried to give him a bad time by demanding to know why registration was being made compulsory and why it was necessary to make a charge for use of display cases. Mr. Walrath stated that if these rules prevailed he did not believe that he was going to the convention, and certainly not if he had to pay for the use of the cases. He pointed out that no such charge was made by the A.N.A. Mr. Panosh replied by pointing out that conventions cost money, and that it was the duty of those who participated to that cost by at least registering, and that nearly all, including Mr. Walrath himself, had heretofore done so; and this rule was simply to make sure that ALL did so in the future. That the cost of transportating, maintaining and storing 110 cases was

such that it was necessary to ask that those using them help defray that cost, and that instead of evading the issue by adding a dollar to registration fees we stated plainly what it was for, and pointed out that the A.N.A. registration fees were $6 without any banquet or luncheon, a part of which went to defray display case cost. Several others spoke on the subject and Mrs. Panosh took occasion to state that she displayed her decorations because she was proud of them and wanted to share them with others; and was glad to pay for cases since she had none of her own.

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Mr. Panosh then called on Dr. Wallace who gave a lengthy and humorous account of the trip taken by himself and Mrs. Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain through the redwoods, Crater Lake, and up to Banff and Lake Louise in Canada. His account of being snowed in, paying $9 for a shot of anti-freeze in the radiator, frozen locks on the Lincoln, the smoke filled cabin when Mr. Chamberlain inadvertantly closed the damper while filling up the fireplace, his efforts to change a tire which went flat in an awkward situation, were all in the best Wallace vein and tradition, and evoked a lot of laughter. He closed by showing one of his own movie films taken on the trip.

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The Wallace-Chamberlain safari got back barely in time for the meeting. It arrived in San Diego the previous evening.

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NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 1952 will be made at our next meeting, with elections to follow in December. Mr. Crouthamel has appointed the following members as nominating committee: Mr. Panosh, Mr. Johnston, and Dr. Wilson.

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When that committee submits names, remember that these names are merely those of the members whom the committee considers able and willing to accept office. There is no compulsion whatever to vote for them. You can vote for all or part of them, or reject them all and name your own candidates.

PROGRAM FOR THE NOVEMBER 5 MEETING - Dr. Wilson's talk on Mexican coins of 1536-1821 should be well worth hearing, so don't miss it. The doctor is our expert on this series, having long studied it and formed a very fine collection. His display at the recent A.N.A. convention not only took first award for foreign coins but also the award for third best in the entire show. Moreover several Mexican specialists approached him in an effort to obtain some of his outstanding rarities, but nothing doing; the doc is hanging on to them, as they are too hard to get.

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"HANDS ACROSS THE SEA" AGAIN - Our English friends continue to read this here Bulletin. Three months ago we said that Mr. Vignault had never seen any Maundy money. Spink and Son Ltd. of London felt sorry for such a benighted numismatist, and in order to correct that defect, very kindly sent Mr. Vignault an uncirculated specimen of a Queen Victoria Maundy silver penny. This was a very nice and considerate act on the part of this firm - and now Mr. Vignault cannot claim ignorance of the appearance of Maundy money any more.

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And another English report: In the May Bulletin we printed a puzzle regarding objects to be seen on a Washington quarter. We received an answer from Mr. D. C. Crowther of Chislehurst, Kent, England. In fact Mr. Crowther gave a couple of answers we didn't even think of. For the flower he gave "iris" (of Washington's eye) and for the tropical fruit he gave "Adam's apple". Maybe an apple ain't exactly a tropical fruit but after all the Garden of Eden, where Adam resided temporarily, was kind of tropical - so Mr. Crowther's answers were O.K.

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The Flying Finn is still skittering around over this country and Canada. His latest tour included Toronto, Ottawa, Boston, and New York. We expect his next one will include Santa Barbara.

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LITERARY REVIEW - In the September number of the "Ca[l]coin News" we note in Mr. McArthur's biography that he co[l]lects "bri[ll]iant beat-up" specimens of [l]arge cents. That sounds [l]ike Bo[l]tz proofs to us; so he and Mr. Bo[l]tz shou[l]d get together on this common interest.

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"A[l]IAS JIMMY VA[L]ENTINE" - On the other hand, we read that Mr. McArthur can open sticky safes. Therefore Mr. Bo[l]tz, whose bank is definite[l]y opposed to safe openers, might sic the bank's cops on Mr. McArthur if he found him hanging around.

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And we'll bet that Mr. Bo[l]tz, as a banker, wou[l]dn't have made the mistake that Mr. Gjurovich did at the Centra[l] Va[l]ley Project ce[l]ebration in Tracy, Ca[l]if. Mr. Gjurovich gave a go[l]d coin to the wrong fe[l]ler. He had intended to present it to Governor Far[l] Warren of Ca[l]ifornia, but in error gave it to the Mayor of Tracy. Now, before anyone got any coin from Banker Bo[l]tz, he wou[l]d have to have 50 id[l]entifications, 25 co-signers on his note, mortgage his home and his car, and we don't know what a[ll] e[l]se besides.

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And even then he might decide to hang on to the money after a[ll].

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[L]OST AND FOUND DEPT. - Were the Cadi[ll]ac-rich Knickerbockers in Oregon [l]ast month? The reason we ask is that we read about a fami[l]y which absent minde[l]y abandoned a Cadi[ll]ac in a Baker, Oregon gas station and drove off without it, in another car. And the Knickerbockers are the on[l]y people we know who have so many Cadi[ll]acs that they might easi[l]y over[l]ook one.

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HISTORICA[L] NOTE - A [L]eif Ericsson ce[l]ebration was he[l]d at Vista, and we are kind of surprised that Mr. Johnson wasn't one of the ce[l]ebrants. He is, you know, the fe[ll]er who refuses to be[l]ieve that Co[l]umbus discovered America, and gives a[ll] the credit to [L]eif.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. Earle K. Stanton, 3730 Edenhurst Ave., Los Angeles. Mr. Stanton will speak on Marcus Brutus, the murderer of Julius Caesar.
On December 21, Prof. Donald Pheley will talk about his trip through the Mediterranean lands of ancient civilizations.

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And for some mysterious reason, the Classical Collectors have invited the Hermit of Skunk Hollow to speak on January 18. This organization has heard him several times before, so you'd think they knew enough to keep him away.

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Some people just don't never learn.

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Last month we mentioned Mr. Smedley's talk on the A.N.A. Newell Visual Educational program, and perhaps we might add a little more information about this. At the A.N.A. convention a projector was set up for demonstrating the fine slides available. Many sets of slides now are available for coin clubs to use; those shown at the convention being:

No. 1 - American and Continental Notes and Coins
2 - United States Commemorative Half Dollars
3 - Types of Regular United States Coins from Half Cents to 20-cent Pieces
4 - Types of Regular United States Coins from Quarters to Dollars
5 - Miscellaneous Commemorative Coins and Medals
6 - Private Gold Coins
7 - Ladies of the Past
8 - Ancient Greek Coin Types circa B.C. 700-336
9 - Ancient Greek Coin Types circa B.C. 336-A.D. 57
10 - Confederate States of America Currency

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How about our borrowing some of those slides some time to show at a meeting?

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We used to think that all S.D.N.S. meetings were interesting, but we ain't so sure since we saw Mr. Chamberlain reading a newspaper during one.

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Maybe it was because he was so anxious to see if his horse came in in the fourth race, that he just couldn't wait.

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WANT AD DEPT. - As Mr. Crouthamel wants to know what coins we need with a view of locating them, we are going to start him out with a good one. We want a Roman bronze coin of the Emperor Otho. (In case you are not familiar with Roman coins, there ain't no such animal)

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The British Parliament has discussed two possible changes in coinage, we learn from a London "Times" article reprinted in "Seaby's Coin and Medal Bulletin". A member suggested the minting of a ½d piece, and also revaluing the penny at 10 instead of 12 to the shilling. This is thought to be the simplest way to evolve a decimal coinage.

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We also understand that some minor changes are to be made in Canadian money. Well, we don't care what changes are made in Canadian money, as long as they don't cut off our $9.40 per month military pension from World War I.

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As it is, we have to slice the bread pretty thin on a pension like that.

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A recent U.S. postage stamp is in honor of Cadillac. This has no reference to the Knickerbocker Cadillacs.

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"ZINC PENNIES TAKEN OUT OF CIRCULATION" said a headline in the San Diego Union. We thought that meant some numismatic information that we had missed; but it wasn't. The article follows.

Peter Prather didn't like those zinc pennies that the U.S. mint turned out in 1943 as a substitute for coppers. He decided to take as many as possible out of circulation. During the past four years he has saved 15,000 and is getting ready to take them to a bank.

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And here's another quotation from the same paper: DOLLARS AND SENSE - Treasury Secy. Snyder tells a Tennessee audience that the purchasing power of the dollar has not declined since 1939. "The dollar", he declares, "is worth 40 percent more today, per capita, than it was in 1939, taking into consideration adjustments in taxes and wages". Evidently Mr. Snyder doesn't do the family shopping.

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We have a letter from Past President Sheldon of the A.N.A. thanking us for sending him the Bulletin, and suggesting that it now be sent to Col. Moss, the new president. But Col. Moss gets it anyway, because he is one of our members.

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Even though we never saw him at one of our meetings.

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Still, we hope we will some day.

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Speaking of the colonel, we didn't know he had any Phoenix business interests until we saw the Moss Coffee Shop there.

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We should have asked the colonel for a season meal ticket.

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At the convention, Col. Moss said that numismatics took up so much of his time, that his partners asked him if he was in the law business or the coin business. And now that he's president, he will have to give still more of his time to numismatics. What we all need is some kind of a job that will enable us to give all of our time to coins. Anybody know of any?

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The Washington of 1776 could throw a dollar across a river. The Washington of '50 can throw billions clear around the world.

- H. J. Higdon in
The Fallbrook Enterprise

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For the past several weeks your editor was away from home - in Arizona and New Mexico, so if this Bulletin is even worse than usual, please blame it on haste. And if we owe any of you letters or anything, please forgive the delay, as we had quite a backlog of mail and other matters to take care of on our return. We're gradually wading through it.

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We thought it was a good idea to tour Arizona, as you will recall that Governor Pyle of that state invited us to do so at the convention. But despite his invitation, we found that we had to pay all our own expenses anyway - which ain't our idea of good old western hospitality.

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Dr. Wilson has invited us to go to Santa Barbara with him. We are accepting on condition that he doesn't pull any more of our teeth like he did at the conclusion of the Phoenix convention.

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 3 at Portlee Hall,
3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.
Election of officers for 1952.

THE CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION which was held in Santa Barbara was fully up to the standards for these semi-annual events. The site was well selected, and the headquarters hotel, the Mar Monte, was unusually well suited to the holding of a numismatic convention, moreover the hotel gave us every possible cooperation, including the suspension of the usual checking out time on the last day. The exhibits, business sessions, lectures, and auction were held in a special building, designed particularly for such things - primarily a convention hall. And at last we had an exhibit under lighting of which no one could complain. The hall was naturally well lighted, with many windows, and with the addition of the lights Mr. Pelosh purchased in Phoenix, there was ample light at all times. This was a welcome change; we have had chronic trouble with lighting many times in the past. The exhibits were very fine, and were well displayed and described. There were not as many displays as usual; this may have been due to prospective exhibitors failing to notify Dr. Simons sufficiently in advance for him to allow full use of all cases. It was suggested by Mr. Fraser and others that perhaps a deadline might be set for application for the use of cases, in order to allow the fullest use of them in future.

As usual, one of the most attractive features was the spirit that prevailed - the good-natured mingling and friendly attitude of all. That alone is worth going to a convention to enjoy.

Full convention details will appear in the Saloon News, the C.S.N.A. official organ.

COMPETITION IN 1897.

FRASER, Woodland H.: Commemorative half dollars; proof 25 and 50 pieces; proof shield and "V" nickels; $2½, $5, $10, and $20 gold pieces; 1879 $4 gold Stella (FIRST AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

REDFIELD, David L.: Coins of the United Nations, illustrated with the flag of each nation (FIRST AWARD FOR FOREIGN COINS)

WARD, Thomas W.: Histori cal coins of the early Roman Empire (FIRST AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

GERONIMI, Italy: Paper money, including large bills, broken bank notes, fractional and Continental currency (FIRST AWARD FOR PAPER MONEY)

PANDEL, Mrs. Anna: U.S. and foreign medals, orders, and decorations, including a Congressional Medal of Honor; Prince of Wales arms stick-pin presented to Count Zeppelin by King Edward VII (FIRST AWARD FOR MEDALS)

TOWNSEND, Thomas: British coins from medieval times to the present, including Maundy Money sets (FIRST AWARD FOR JUNIORS)

WHITEMORE, Mrs. Hattie: U.S. proof sets from 1858; commemorative gold complete (FIRST AWARD FOR DEALERS)

GRANT, Joseph S.: U.S. dollars from 1794, including trade dollars; Continental "Fugio" dollar of 1794; $4 gold Stella; Spanish dollars (SECOND AWARD FOR U.S. COINS)

WILSON, Dr. Roy H.: Silver and bronze coins of Colonial Mexico, labelled to point out their historical associations; Hacienda tokens; Spanish dollars cut and counter-stamped for use in various countries (SECOND AWARD FOR FOREIGN COINS)

CAMPBELL, Michael F.: Roman Imperial bronzes, mostly sestertii (large bronzes); map of the Roman Empire; his book, "Emperors of Rome" (SECOND AWARD FOR ANCIENT COINS)

KUNZ, Charles L.: Official presidential medals (SECOND AWARD FOR MEDALS)

OLSTANG, Dennis: Canadian coins, including those of [illegible] and other provincial issues ([illegible] FOR JUNIORS);

ROSING, Arnold: coins of Argentina and China; coins of Canada, Formosa, Hong Kong, and other British colonies (THIRD PRIZE FOR JUNIORS)

BERGEN, Herbert: Uncirculated dimes and half dimes

CAHALL, Bob and Wildred: Type collection of 20th century foreign coins, designed to illustrate the great variety available at a low cost

EMMONS, Dr. Calvert L.: Gold dollars; proof silver 3¢ pieces

HILL, Roy: Coins and tokens of Greenland and Hawaii; wooden "money"

KILBURGER, Irving B.: Chinese coins, including many of odd shapes and unusual size

KOSOFF, Abe: Large paper money in uncut sheets

[illegible], Roy: Coins of Canada, Mexico, and Germany

SKILLMAN, Fred: Commemorative half dollars; U.S. gold including California pieces

STRAUCH, Milton C.: Modern foreign gold; crowns; Confederate half dollar restrike; U.S. types

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Almost all of the above displays also had many fine pieces that are not mentioned here; we simply do not have the room to give them the lengthy description that they deserve. So we simply list the most striking pieces in each exhibit.

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If you noticed Dr. Wilson cutting up paper at the convention, he wasn't cutting out paper dolls. He had forgotten to bring his coin labels, so was making new ones in a hurry.

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Mr. Kosoff had some difficulty in fitting his uncut sheets of paper money in the cases. But Dr. Wilson's offer of a dozen to [illegible] [illegible] proved.

THE O.W.S. ATTENDED AT THE CONVENTION - that is, our members and their guests:

Mr. Bouchard	Mr. Knickerbocker
Mr. Brainard	Mrs. Knickerbocker
Mrs. Brainard	Mr. Kosoff
Mr. Chamberlain	Mr. Lee
Mrs. Chamberlain	Mrs. Lee
Mrs. Devlin	Mr. Mahowney, Sr.
Miss Devlin	Mr. Mahowney, Jr.
Mr. Fraser	Mr. Panosh
Mrs. Fraser	Mrs. Panosh
Mr. Hill	Mr. Parker
Mr. Johnson	Dr. Wallace
Mrs. Johnson	Mrs. Wallace
Mr. Johnston	Mr. Ward
Mrs. Jones	Dr. Wilson
Mr. Kabealo	

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We hope we didn't leave anybody out. If so, tell us.

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THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE BIRD - Dr. Wallace was the first one to get his stuff on display; so when the newspaper photographer came, the doc and his layout were the central features.

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Like a one-man convention.

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FISH STORY - If you never saw any fish money before, you could have seen some in Mr. Hill's display. One item was a Hawaiian fish.

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The card party was in charge of Mrs. Panosh. Wonder how much she won.

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Anyway, it wouldn't do her any good to win. She'd only spend the winnings for a new medal.

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Mr. McArthur said he didn't agree with Master of Ceremonies Lee on some things. And why agree with him on anything?

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SAFETY FIRST DEPT. - When Lieutenant [illegible], who was also acting Chief of Police, was at the banquet, the Hermit of Skunk Hollow took care to sit on the opposite side of the room.

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The captain gave us the greetings of the chief - but Mr. Knickerbocker ain't sure he wants such greetings. Anyway, not the kind he got in San Jose.

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And sometimes we wonder if Mr. Knickerbocker ain't a fugitive from justice. Years ago he came ashore from a gambling boat one night, and the police grabbed him along with all the other customers. When asked his name, he fumbled for the first card he could find and handed it to the cops, and it was the card of some perfectly innocent real estate dealer.

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We tell you this so you won't let him get hold of any of your cards. That might land you in jail some day.

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Mr. Peterson was not able to get to the convention, but he phoned in his greetings, and those of all the other Petersons. He also gave us the good news that Lt. Anders' son, Randy, was coming along good, although by no means well yet.

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THE HITCH-HIKER - people used various methods of coming to the convention, but Mr. Bingham seems to have used the hard way. At least, we saw him walking along the road carrying a couple of suitcases

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Well, that way he could save money to buy coins.

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We don't know if the convention lunch was intended as a birthday party for Mrs. Wallace, but anyway it was her birthday. And don't ask which birthday; even if we knew we would be too cowardly to tell you.

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The raffle was won by Mr. Fraser, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Hernandez, and Mr. Parsons. The door prizes were won

by Mr. Ostrom, Mrs. Kluth, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Johnston, and Mr. Ward.

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They were pretty good prizes too; your editor got the last one given, and it was a proof 1951 Festival of Britain crown in the original mint case.

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Instead of coin dealers donating the prizes this time, they were given by the C.S.N.A. officers. But Mr. Johnston says this change didn't help him any. In the past he has donated as a dealer; but as he is also a C.S.N.A. officer, he got stuck just the same.

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Well, he won one of the prizes, so why should he kick?

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Mr. Mitch of San Francisco was at the convention, as lively as ever at the age of 87 years young. This once more shows how numismatics keeps a feller young.

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The congressional Medal of Honor - which is a darn scarce item - shown by Mrs. Panosh is the one which was given to Major General William Shafter immediately after the Civil War, while he was a colonel. It was accompanied by the general's autograph.

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For souvenirs, Mr. Hernandez gave a hair curler to every lady present. He didn't give any to Mr. Mitchell or Mr. Johnston.

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Personally, we don't need a hair curler. All we have to do is to ask for coin quotations - and some of them will curl your hair.

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Being the wife of a dealer - anyway a partial dealer - Mrs. Knickerbocker's display was placed in the dealers' section. She could easily have avoided this. All she would have had to do was to divorce Mr. Knickerbocker immediately before the convention, place her exhibit, and then re-marry him afterwards.

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On on second thought, why re-marry him?

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And now for the S.D.N.S. copy:

At our last meeting Dr. Wilson gave a very fine talk on the early coins of Mexico, illustrating it with some of the finest specimens from his collection. He will finish the talk later and bring it down to 1821, the latest date he collects.

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The Knickerbockers weren't at the meeting, having gone north instead of south from Santa Barbara, which isn't the first time we have known them to take off in the wrong direction.

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The Wallace and Chamberlain families got to the meeting all right, but it was a close call. They had just got back to town, and still had their baggage in the doc's car.

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The refreshments were prepared by Mrs. Dixon; she thought she was going to be the only lady present that night, so she got busy in a burst of energy.

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EXHIBITS AT OUR LAST MEETING, besides the Mexican coins of Dr. Wilson:

Mr. Boltz: A coin case, very nicely got up and decorated with coins and a set of small Presidential medals; U.S. minor coins

Mr. Johnston: A Pine Tree shilling; Maria Theresa thalers; Russian platinum money

Mr. Ponosh: Siamese coins of various periods, including "bullets", shell money, and cowries; porcelain tokens

Mr. Vigneault: Fractional currency

Dr. Wallace: Various U.S. and foreign coins, including some Oriental silver just obtained

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We didn't know it, but Mr. Beck was laid up with a very bad arm. It began with a slight bump on the elbow, which became infected, so that the arm had to be kept in a raised position for some time. We are

ure to say that this trouble now is over, and he is all right again - he was at the meeting.

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Mr. Panosh gave a report on the Santa Barbara convention, stating among other things, that there were 147 registered, and that 20 tables were taken by 17 dealers.

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NOMINATIONS submitted by the nominating committee are:

PRESIDENT: Mr. Crouthamel
VICE PRESIDENT: Mr. Vincault
SECRETARY: Mrs. Panosh
TREASURER: Mr. Boltz
LIBRARIAN-CURATOR: Mr. Ward
GOVERNOR: Mr. MacDonald

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ELECTIONS will be at our December 3 meeting. If you have any nominations you wish to add, you may do so at that time.

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Regarding the nomination of Mr. Ward for Librarian-Curator, Bill - I did not make any formal objection at the time the nominations were announced, yet suggest that you reconsider this. The distance which the writer lives from San Diego will make this office very difficult for me to hold. I cannot see clearly how I could properly take care of the club's collection in San Diego by operating from Fallbrook, nor do I see how I can conduct the library by remote control. So you'd better name someone else. Thanks.

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Dr. Wallace has been appointed chairman in charge of arrangements for our installation and installation dinner in January

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The final proof of the society letterhead was shown by Mr. Panosh. Members who want them for their own use can have them at their actual cost - approximately $17.00 per 1000. Tell Dr. Wilson how many you can use.

Dr. Wallace spoke on the proposal of a 1955 C.N.L.A. convention in San Diego, and pointed out that if we want such a convention, we should begin work [illegible] now. The doc also donated a Hepplewhite 1/12th scale mohur for the benefit of the convention fund, and auctioned it off.

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Mr. Johnston then offered his convention winnings for the fund.

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We mean his door prize winnings, not his poker winnings.

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Dr. Charles Harbeck of Los Angeles has very kindly offered to speak at one of our meetings, and we hope to have him for the January meeting. The doctor has spoken at various numismatic gatherings and he is well worth hearing. We have heard some of his talks and enjoyed them.

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Mr. Leuschner is in hospital again, we are sorry to say. He is not absolutely confined, but is allowed to go home once in a while for a couple of hours or so, but it will be out of the question for him to attend our meetings for some time to come. We all hope he soon will be out for keeps.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS announce their next meeting to be December 21 at the home of Prof. Pholey, 2009 North Alexandria St., Los Angeles. The professor will speak on his trip through the Mediterranean lands of ancient civilizations.
At the November meeting Mr. Koonce spoke on the educational methods of the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Jews; and exhibited numerour Greek and Roman coins from his collection.

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Mr. Ward has been invited to speak at the January meeting of this organization, and has selected the subject: "Iron; Portraits on Roman Coins".

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A JOINT INSTALLATION AND BANQUET will be held by the Los Angeles, Bay Cities, Long Beach, and Garden Grove Coin Clubs on January 19, 1952. It will be at the Carolina Pines Restaurant, 7515 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles. A general invitation is extended. At this writing we do not have the cost of the dinner, but hope to be able to tell you that next month.

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UNSUNG HERO - Mr. Fraser is a brave man. Mrs. Fraser is learning to drive, so he is buying a new car. But he isn't going to give it to his wife; he is going to keep it for himself, and give her his old one.

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At least, that's the way he THINKS it is going to be.

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We note that Mr. Twait got honorable mention for his exhibit at the recent display of postage stamps in the Fine Arts Gallery. But we didn't learn about this show until it was all over, so couldn't tell you in time for you to see it.

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LITERARY REVIEW - Gosh, we hate to get technical about anything that appears in the "Numismatist". But on page 1109 of the October number appears a list of "presidents" whose portraits appear on our currency - but we don't seem to know much about the administrations of President Hamilton, President Franklin, nor President Chase.

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And on the same page, Commander Thompson in discussing the thorny "uncirculated" problem, points out that in all strictness an uncirculated coin would have to be one that never left the Mint or Federal Reserve vaults.

The commander is right of course, but the thing might be carried a further step backwards. The only uncirculated coin would have to be a blank flan, because the finished coin has done some circulating through the mint machinery.

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However, this involves us in a further consideration.

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The flan too lie some circulating while it was being made; so maybe the only thing we can consider as uncirculated would be the ore at the mine.

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And that would be uncirculated only before it was brought to the surface.

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Maybe we'd better drop this discussion before we begin to argue that the ore too is circulated; it circulated up from the depths of the earth. Anyway there seems to be no point in discussing condition standards at all. There ain't any. You make 'em up to suit yourself.

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THE SCAVENGER - Now we know what to get for Mr. Panoch for Christmas: a book. He is so hard up for books that he picks them out of trash cans. And we can prove it.

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A collector should be judged not by what his coins are worth, but by what he knows about the coins he has.

- Ralph [illegible] Mitchell

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So whaddya know?

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4003 Goldfinch St.,
San Diego 3, Calif.

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SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 7 at Dorthea Hill, 3680 - 6th Ave., San Diego, Calif.
INSTALLATION AND DINNER: Saturday, January 26 at Hotel U.S. Grant, San Diego, Calif.

THE SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

EXTENDS THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

TO ALL

NEW OFFICERS FOR 1952:

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SECRETARY: Mrs. Panosh
TREASURER: Mr. Boltz
LIBRARIAN-CURATOR: Dr. Wilson
BOARD OF GOVERNORS (1 elected): Mr. Macdonald

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This looks like a pretty good list, and we anticipate another good year for the S.D.N.S. under the management of these officers. And let's all help them to make it a good one.

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As we forgot to elect a new bulletin editor, we guess you will just have to struggle along with the old one.

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OUR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND DINNER - Dr. Wallace reported that plans for this event now are complete. It will be held on January 26 in the Riviera Room (formerly the Gold Room) at the Hotel U.S. Grant. The cost will be $3.00 per person, and it is requested that you get your reservations in as early as possible. This is important, so please cooperate. All are urged to make displays on this night. Bring

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[illegible] Let's have a lot of nice exhibits to show to our guests and to each other. Ribbons will be granted for the best showings. Mr. Jensen will be master of ceremonies, and also will be in charge of the displays. Mrs. Knickerbocker will take care of the decorations

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A DISTINGUISHED GUEST was present at our last meeting; Mr. Ed Kogler of San Francisco. He spoke briefly and said he was kind of a travelling salesman for the California State Numismatic Association, and had been publicizing it at various coin clubs all over California. He also reported on what has been done so far with plans for the next convention in Santa Rosa. He joined the S.D.N.S. too that night; and we are glad indeed to have him for a member.

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PRESENTS AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Mr. Boltz: Crowns; various U.S. and foreign coins
Mr. Jones: U.S. proofs, U.S. types; Australia and Britain set
Mr. Knickerbocker: Half dollars; U.S. gold; U.S. proofs
Dr. Wallace: Crowns; various coins

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NEW MEMBERS WE WELCOME THIS MONTH:

FOGLER, Edward	San Francisco
STEVENSON, Robert W.	San Diego

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We regret to say that Mrs. Boltz has been a little ill; she could not attend the last meeting, and we missed her. It goes without saying that we hope she is all right long before this.

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However, we are glad to report that Mr. Lauschner is out of hospital again, although he still has to go back once a week to be checked up.

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[illegible] convention Tues. (for 1953?); give [illegible] smile. Mr. Johnston,

Mr. Fogler, Mr. Crouthamel, Dr. Wallace, and others donated various pieces which were auctioned off at the meeting, the receipts going to the fund.

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Dr. Wallace did the auctioning, and while he makes few boners as an auctioneer, he did this time. He sold the same "Fugio" cent to both Mr. Sanders and Mr. Jones. Perhaps they might make an arrangement to hold it as community property.

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Or they might chop the coin in two, as was done sometimes with coins in medieval times.

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Mr. Safford won the numismatic guessing game.

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At the meeting, Mrs. Bowler once more donated a lot of her home made candy, which as usual was very much appreciated. It was very fine candy.

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As a banker, Mr. Boltz has an odd way of treating money. He showed several nickels which he thinks he has improved. He did the all-out improving by engraving derby hats, beards, etc. on the Indians. So if you put any money in his bank, don't be surprised if it looks pretty funny when you get it back.

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We hate to inject a sordid note of commercialism in this here bulletin - but after all, DUES ARE DUE.

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While we would like to give you all a life membership for two bucks, we just can't afford to.

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Don't forget that we now are taking orders for the official S.D.V.C. stationery which you might want for your own use. See Mr. Ranosh or Dr. Wilson.

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We see by the papers that the escaped murderess, Ruth Judd, was captured by an officer named DeWitt. Thus our colonel once more distinguishes himself.

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If Col. DeWitt really did capture Mrs. Judd, he did

better than Col. Newton in that colonel's effort to capture Sandino in Nicaragua.

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Perhaps Col. Dewitt might give Col. Newton an instruction course in capturing people.

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We also see by the paper that cents are very scarce in San Diego - so much so, that the banks have asked people to bring in any that they are hoarding. So now we know how to make bankers happy. Let's each give Mr. Boltz and Mr. Beck one cent.

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That is, if anyone wants to make bankers happy.

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Mr. Plunkett's behavior at our meetings has shocked some of our English friends. Anyway, in the December issue of the Circular of Spink and Son, Ltd., of London, under the heading "Our Lighthearted American Contributor" he comments on Mr. Plunkett's antics with that water-squirting nickel.
From the article, we gather that Spink doesn't quite consider such things to be cricket at numismatic meetings, and we sure can understand this firm's point of view in the statement that "our imagination boggles at the prospect of Fellows of the Royal romping together in a similar manner".

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With true English tact our London friends refrain from naming the publication from which they learned this scandal; but of course we have to plead guilty. It was this here bulletin. We once said we wondered what kind of opinion people formed of us from reading this bulletin; and now we know. They think we ain't dignified.

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And how right they are.

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Anyhow, all this proves that we still have English readers.

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Maybe Dr. Wallace is going to turn his optical office

into a fish market. If so we wouldn't blame him; a feller has to do a lot of things to get enough money these days. What we mean is that the doc is installing a lot of aquariums for tropical fish.

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We guess this is to entertain his patients while they wait for the doc to see 'em. It may be a good scheme, too. Because if the patient sees odd looking fish, he can't believe there are such things, and so becomes convinced that he needs glasses.

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THE CLASSICAL COLLECTORS - The next meeting of this organization will be January 25 at the home of Dr. Charles Herbeck, 5401 - 8th Ave., Los Angeles. Mr. Ward will speak on "Wrong Portraits on Roman Coins". At the December meeting Prof. Pholey spoke on his recent Mediterranean trip, and gave his personal impressions of the antiquities of Italy, Greece, Egypt, and Turkey. The talk was in the form os a "chalk talk". Incidentally, to guide himself around the Roman Forum, the professor used a map of that area prepared by Mr. Stanton.

The February 15 meeting will be at the home of Mr. Earle K. Stanton, 1967 West Silver Lake Drive, Los Angeles; he will speak on "Brutus and the Ides of March", and show appropriate coins in illustration.

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The editor wants to apologize for the long delay in getting out this issue of the Bulletin. We had intended getting it out long before Christmas, and making it a decorated Christmas number as usual. But the very sudden death of my father made it necessary for me to go to Oakland and stay there for some time - and this was just at the time the Bulletin would normally have been worked on.

I also wish to thank all of you who have expressed your sympathy for me in my loss.

- T.W.T.

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It always has seemed remarkable to us how orthodox

historians neglect the importance of the information in their field provided by coins. We have just read a very good book on the values of historical evidence, and yet the word "coins" does not occur once in the whole volume.

A much better view is taken by C.H.V. Sutherland in his recent work "Coinage in Roman Imperial Policy, 31 B.C. - 68 A.D."; he deplores the neglect of coins as historical documents, and then goes on to demonstrate the information they give. But then Sutherland is a distinguished numismatist, well aware of the historical value of coin inscriptions and designs. Personally we would even go further, and say that had all written Roman history perished, still we would be able to learn a good deal about Rome from the coins alone.

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We had hoped to have Dr. Harbeck at our next meeting to speak on medieval coins, but the doctor now tells us that he would prefer to make it a little later - after we are through with installation and such. Dr. Harbeck is a very good speaker, knows his subject, and has a fine lot of coins to illustrate his talks. We shall look forward to having him as soon as he can make it.

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And another thing: we don't want to let Dr. Wilson forget that he still owes us the last half of his talk on early Mexican coins.

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Then some day we want to get Mr. Panosh to talk about his porcelain Siamese gambling tokens, and tell us just how he won them in various Siamese gambling joints.

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Dr. Wallace and Mr. Chamberlain say that such things aren't used in the Las Vegas gambling joints. They don't even get tokens there. Still, if the doc lost gambling, how can he afford those new aquariums?

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With all these clubs cooperating, this should be well worth attending.

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It has been suggested that the Bulletin print the monthly mint reports, and if you want them, we will be glad to comply.

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And as we often said before, we want suggestions as to what you want us to print. We ain't mind readers - so if you don't tell us, we don't know.

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There is no truth in the rumor that Mr. Beck's bad arm was caused by his over exertion in scooping in money.

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Mr. Hill claims he found a coin dealer operating a clip joint. While in Toronto, he looked one up, and found the dealer operating a combined coin shop and barber shop.

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